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Preface

Nearly all countries publish legislation, legal notices and other official announcements in the form of periodicals (official gazettes/official journals). In some countries, there is only one periodical containing all kinds of official information, whereas in others there are separate publications for legislation (legal gazettes) and for legal notices (official gazettes in a narrower sense). Countries with autonomous regions or a federal structure have not only one main legal and/or official gazette at the central State level but also gazettes at the regional or *Länder* levels.

Whatever the nature of the national gazette, there is one obvious trend which applies to nearly all of them, namely the ever-increasing introduction of new technologies in the production and dissemination of legal gazettes: data capturing at source, using the XML standard in the production and distribution of official gazettes, authentication and archiving of the electronic legal gazettes, to mention but a few of these aspects.

Official publishers have become aware of this tendency and have realised that they face the same issues as their counterparts in other countries, and this has given rise to the idea of creating a common platform with a view to sharing experiences and exchanging information. Hence, the European Forum of Official Gazettes was founded in September 2004, an informal association of the national organisations responsible for the publication of legal gazettes in Europe. At the outset, membership of the forum was limited to European Union Member States and candidate countries. Since September 2005, the forum has also welcomed observers from other European countries. The secretariat of the forum is provided by the EU Publications Office in Luxembourg, for which we are grateful as there would be no forum without this helpful assistance.

In line with its pragmatic objectives, the first task of the forum has been to collect basic information on all official publishers of the European

Union Member States, candidate countries and countries admitted as observers. The relevant information has been made accessible on the forum website (forum.europa.eu.int/irc/opoce/ojf/info/data/prod/html/index.htm).

The aim of this publication is to make general information on the topic available to a wider readership. The information has been updated to spring 2006. If, despite our best efforts, you discover errors or omissions, please advise the forum secretariat (opoce-forum-official-gazettes@cec.eu.int), so that we may update the information in our website as well as in subsequent editions of this directory.

April 2006

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European Union





Official Journal of the European Union



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Nature

Interinstitutional office

(For administrative purposes, the Office is considered as a directorate-general of the European Commission.)

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Official Journal of the European Union,
L series, published in 20 or 21 official
languages

Official gazette

Official Journal of the European Union,
C series and electronic supplement S,
also published in 20 or 21 official
languages

Legal gazette online

URL

eur-lex.europa.eu

Availability of texts

PDF from 1998

TIFF from 1952

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

No



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(Belgian State Gazette)

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www.staatsblad.be

www.moniteur.be

Nature

Part of the Federal Public Service 'Justice'

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Belgisch Staatsblad/Moniteur belge

(Belgian State Gazette)

Official gazette

Belgisch Staatsblad/Moniteur belge

Legal gazette online

URL

www.staatsblad.be/cgi/welcome.pl

www.moniteur.be/cgi/welcome.pl

Availability of texts

ASCII and PDF from 1997

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

Yes. Distribution to the public has been carried out exclusively online since 2003. Only five paper copies of each gazette are produced (for the Ministry of Justice, Moniteur belge, National Library and National Archive and one for microfilming). A free-of-charge helpdesk for facilitating access to the online version was created on 1 August 2005, and since 15 October 2005 almost every courthouse has been obliged by law to make paper summaries of the official gazette available for the public.

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[www.mvcz.cz/2003/odbor/
kp_odbor_info.html](http://www.mvcz.cz/2003/odbor/kp_odbor_info.html)

Nature

Part of the Ministry of the Interior

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazettes

- *Sbírka zákonů — Sb.*
(Collection of Acts)
- *Sbírka mezinárodních smluv — Sb.m.s.*
(Collection of International Treaties)

Legal gazette online

URL

www.mvcz.cz/2003/rady/sbirka_rady.html

Availability of texts

PDF from 4 April 1945

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

No



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Nature

Part of the Ministry of Justice

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Lovtidende

(Official Journal)

Legal gazette online

URL

www.retsinfo.dk/lovtid/lovtid.htm

Availability of texts

HTML from 1995

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

No. (An amendment of the Act on the Official Journal is under preparation. It intends to make the electronic version legally binding. There will only be one paper copy for archiving purposes.)



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Nature

Private company

The Federal Republic of Germany

— represented through the Federal
Ministry of Justice — holds a minority
interest in the Bundesanzeiger
Verlagsgesellschaft mbH.

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Bundesgesetzblatt (BGBl.)

(German Federal Legal Gazette)

Official gazettes

- *Bundesanzeiger (BAnz)*
(Federal Gazette)
- *Elektronischer Bundesanzeiger (eBAnz)*
(Electronic Federal Gazette)

Legal gazette online

URL

www.bundesgesetzblatt.de

Availability of texts

PDF from 1998

Access

Free of charge: read-only version

Official character?

No



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Nature

Governmental agency

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Riigi Teataja, RT

(State Gazette)

Legal gazette online

URL

www.riigiteataja.ee

Availability of texts

HTML and XML from 2002

Access

Free of charge (including the copying of the first 20 pages at a public library).

Official character?

Yes. Since 1 June 2002 the paper and the online versions have been equally official. From 1 January 2007 there will only be an electronic version (and five paper copies).



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Nature

The National Printing House of Greece functions with the legal form of the uniform 'administrative sector' of the Ministry of the Interior, Public Administration and Decentralisation.

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Filla Efimeridas tis Kivernisis — F.E.K.

(National Gazette Issues)

Official gazette

Filla Efimeridas tis Kivernisis — F.E.K.

Legal gazette online

URL

www.et.gr

Availability of texts

From 1976 (by June 2006: from 1901):
Laws and Presidential decrees.

From 1986 (by June 2006: from 1975):
Ministerial decisions.

Access

Law and Presidential decrees: free of charge (read-only version) since 1 January 2005.

Ministerial decisions: free of charge (read-only version) since 1 January 2006.

Members of Parliament and State services have free access to all series.

Free access for the public to some special series.

Official character?

No



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URL

www.boe.es

Nature

Independent organisation reporting to
the Ministry of the Presidency

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Boletín Oficial del Estado

(Official State Bulletin)

Official gazette

Boletín Oficial del Estado

Legal gazette online

URL

www.boe.es

Availability of texts

XML from 1960

PDF from 1998

TIFF from 1875

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

No (but the electronic version is
considered as being authentic).

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Nature

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Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

*Journal officiel de la République française
(JORF)*

(Official Journal of the French Republic)

Official gazette

*Journal officiel de la République française
(JORF)*

Legal gazette online

URL

www.journal-officiel.gouv.fr

Availability of texts

PDF, TIFF, HTML from 1990

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

Yes, since 1 June 2004. (The paper and online versions are equally authentic.)



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Part of the Office of Public Works

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Acts of the Oireachtas and statutory instruments are published as separate titles and are not published as part of a legal gazette.

Official gazette

Iris Oifigiúil

(Irish State Gazette)

Legal gazette online

URL

www.irishstatutebook.ie

Availability of texts

PDF

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

No



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Nature

Part of the Ministry of Justice

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

*Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica
italiana*

(Official Gazette of the Italian Republic)

Official gazette

*Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica
italiana*

Legal gazette online

URL

www.gazzettaufficiale.it

(previous 60 days free of charge)

www.normeinrete.it (free of charge)

dbase.ipzs.it

(archives, subscription based)

Availability of texts

ASCII and PDF from 1989

Access

(See explanations above)

Official character?

No. (A bill has been introduced in
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of the electronic version.)



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Nature

Part of the Ministry of Finance

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

*Epissimi Efimerida tis Dimokratias tis
Kyprou*

(Official Gazette of the Republic of
Cyprus)

Official gazette

*Epissimi Efimerida tis Dimokratias tis
Kyprou*

Legal gazette online

URL

www.cygazette.com

Availability of texts

From 2004

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

Yes

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Nature

Private company owned by the government (represented by the Ministry of Justice)

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Latvijas Vēstnesis

(Latvian Herald)

Official gazette

Latvijas Vēstnesis

Legal gazette online

URL

www.vestnesis.lv

Availability of texts

HTML from 1996

Access

Combination of fee/free of charge

Official character?

No



Lietuva/Lithuania

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Nature

State enterprise owned by the Seimas
(Parliament)

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

„Valstybės žinios“

(Official Gazette)

Official gazette

„Valstybės žinios“

Legal gazette online

URL

www.valstybes-zinios.lt

(Click on the logo in order to reach the
page where you can subscribe to the
PDF version.)

Availability of texts

PDF + Microsoft® Word

Access

Subscription for PDF

No subscription for Microsoft® Word but
three working days' delay

Official character?

No

Luxembourg



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Nature

Governmental agency within the
Ministry of State — ‘Prime Minister’

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Mémorial A

Official gazette

Mémorial B

Mémorial C

Legal gazette online

URL

www.legilux.public.lu

Availability of texts

Mémorial A: PDF from 1935 and from
1839 to 1884

Mémorial B: PDF from 1996

Mémorial C: PDF from 1996

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

No



Magyarország/Hungary

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www.mhk.hu

Nature

Private company owned by the
government (Prime Minister's Office)

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Magyar Közlöny MK

(Hungarian Official Journal)

Official gazette

Magyar Közlöny MK

Legal gazette online

URL

www.magyarkozlony.hu

Availability of texts

ASCII from 1990

PDF from 2000

HTML from 1998

XML from 2002

Other from 1996

Access

All issues from January 2005 free of
charge

Official character?

No



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www.doi.gov.mt

Nature

Part of a ministry (Prime Minister's Office)

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Il-Gazzetta tal-Gvern ta' Malta

(The Malta Government Gazette)

Official gazette

Il-Gazzetta tal-Gvern ta' Malta

Legal gazette online

URL

www.doi.gov.mt

(Click on 'The Malta Government Gazette online')

Availability of texts

PDF from June 2003

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

No



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Nature

Private company owned by the government (represented by the Ministry of Finance)

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazettes

- *Staatsblad*
(State Journal)
- *Nederlandse Staatscourant*
(Dutch State Gazette)

Official gazette

Nederlandse Staatscourant

Legal gazette online

URL

www.overheid.nl/op/index.html
www.staatscourant.nl

Availability of texts

PDF from 1995, HTML from 1998, XML from 2003

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

No. (The Ministry of the Interior is working on a project concerning the official character of the electronic legal gazette.)

Österreich/Austria



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www.ris.bka.gv.at

Nature

Part of the Federal Chancellery

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Bundesgesetzblatt
(Federal Law Journal)

Official gazettes

Amtsblatt zur Wiener Zeitung (Official Gazette of the Vienna Newspaper) and other official gazettes ('Amtsblätter') published by the Wiener Zeitung

Legal gazette online

URL

www.ris.bka.gv.at

Availability of texts

HTML from 1983 to 2003
PDF from 1945
XML (authentic version of the texts) from 2004

Access

Free of charge.
A value-added service containing all legislation from 1945 onwards is available online (www.digitalegesetze.at); this service is not free of charge.
A PDF version of the respective legal gazettes from 1848 to 1940 is available free of charge at the Austrian National Library (anno.onb.ac.at/gesetze.htm).

Official character?

Yes, since 1 January 2004. (An official paper version is no longer published, but paper copies are still reprinted by the Wiener Zeitung.)



Polska/Poland

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Nature

Governmental agency

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

*Dziennik Ustaw Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej
(Dz.U.)*

(Journal of Laws of the Republic of
Poland)

Official gazettes

- *Dziennik Urzędowy Rzeczypospolitej
Polskiej „Monitor Polski” (MP)*
(Official Journal of the Republic of
Poland 'Monitor Polski')
- *Dziennik Urzędowy Rzeczypospolitej
Polskiej „Monitor Polski B” (MP-B)*
(Official Journal of the Republic of
Poland 'Monitor Polski B')

Legal gazette online

URL

isip.sejm.gov.pl/prawo/index.html
(‘Internet System of Legal Acts’,
managed by the Polish Parliament,
which contains bibliographic
descriptions of all legislation from 1918
as well as texts from 1995.)

Availability of texts

PDF from 1995

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

No

Portugal



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Nature

Private company owned by the
government

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Diário da República (DR)

(Journal of the Republic)

Official gazette

Diário da República (DR)

Legal gazette online

URL

www.dre.pt

Availability of texts

PDF from 1960

Access

Free of charge (read-only version)

Official character?

No



Slovenija/Slovenia

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Organisation responsible for the legal and official gazettes

Javno podjetje Uradni list Republike Slovenije d. o. o.

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Nature

The Republic of Slovenia is the majority
owner of the company

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Uradni list Republike Slovenije
(The Official Gazette of the Republic of
Slovenia)

Official gazette

Uradni list Republike Slovenije

Legal gazette online

URL

www.uradni-list.si

Availability of texts

PDF from 1995
HTML from 1995

Access

PDF and HTML free of charge

Official character?

Yes, since 1 January 2006. (The
paper and online versions are
equally authentic, but in the event
of differences concerning the text or
the date of publication, the electronic
edition shall apply.)



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Nature

The 'Editing Activities' section is an
integral part of the Ministry of Justice of
the Slovak Republic.

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Zbierka zákonov Slovenskej republiky

Abbreviation: Z. z.

(Official Journal of the Slovak Republic)

Legal gazette online

URL

www.justice.gov.sk

jaspi.justice.gov.sk

Availability of texts

Starting date: 1945

Within 24 hours after the paper edition
is published

HTML and/or PDF

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

No



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Nature

The Ministry of Justice is a governmental organisation

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

*Suomen säädöskokoelma / Finlands
författningssamling*

(Statutes of Finland)

Official gazette

Virallinen lehti / Officiella tidningen
(The Official Gazette)

Edita Ltd is responsible for the Official
Gazette (legal notices etc.).

Legal gazette online

URL

www.finlex.fi

Availability of texts

HTML from 1734

PDF from 1995

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

Yes

Sverige/Sweden



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www.regeringen.se

Nature

The Division for Legal and Linguistic
Draft Revision is part of the Ministry of
Justice.

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Svensk författningssamling (SFS)
(Swedish Code of Statutes)

Official gazette

Post- och Inrikes Tidningar
(Swedish national Official Journal,
under the responsibility of the Swedish
Academy)

Legal gazette online

URL

www.lagrummet.se

Availability of texts

ASCII
PDF
HTML

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

No. (The Ministry of Justice is working
on a project concerning the electronic
legal gazette.)



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Nature

Her Majesty's Stationery Office operates from within the Office of Public Sector Information within the Cabinet Office.

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Acts of Parliament and Statutory Instruments (and the equivalents from the devolved Parliament and Assemblies) are published as separate titles and are not published as part of a legal gazette. There are annual bound editions of both the Statutory Instruments and all the Acts of Parliament produced in a year. These are bound and published in numerical order.

Official gazettes

The *London Gazette*, the *Belfast Gazette* and the *Edinburgh Gazette*

Legal gazette online

URL

www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/uk.htm

Availability of texts

Acts since 1988, Statutory Instruments from 1987

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

Yes. (Since 2002, legislation published on the Internet has carried the same official status as the printed version.)

EU candidate countries



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Nature

Service of the Parliament

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

*Darzhaven vestnik: ofitsialno pechatno
izdanie na Republika Bulgaria — ofitsialen
razdel*

(State Gazette: the Official Journal of the
Republic of Bulgaria — Official section)

Official gazette

*Darzhaven vestnik: ofitsialno pechatno
izdanie na Republika Bulgaria —
neofitsialen razdel*

Legal gazette online

URL

dv.parliament.bg (titles only)

www.lex.bg (texts of the latest edition)

Availability of texts

dv.parliament.bg: titles available from

May 2005 (free of charge)

www.lex.bg: only the latest edition is
available and it can also be obtained via
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Access

See explanations above

Official character?

No



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Nature

Private company owned by the
government

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

*Službeni list Republike Hrvatske 'Narodne
novine'*

(Official Gazette of Republic of Croatia
'Narodne novine')

Legal gazette online

URL

www.nn.hr/sluzbeni-list/index.asp

Availability of texts

HTML from 1990

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

No

Republika Makedonija/ Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia



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Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

URL

www.slvesnik.com.mk

Nature

Public enterprise

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Služben vesnik na Republika Makedonija

Official gazette

Služben vesnik na Republika Makedonija

Legal gazette online

URL

members.slvesnik.com.mk

Availability of texts

PDF from 1945

Access

Monthly and yearly subscriptions

Official character?

No



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Nature

Company under the authority of the
Parliament of Romania

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Monitorul Oficial al Romaniei (M.Of.)

— *Partea I*

(Official Gazette of Romania — Part I)

Official gazette

Monitorul Oficial al Romaniei (M.Of.)

— *Părțile II-VII*

(Parts II–VII)

Legal gazette online

URL

www.cdep.ro/pls/legis/legis_pck.frame
(Website of the Consiliul Legislativ
— Legislative Council)

Availability of texts

PDF and/or Word for acts from 1989 to
date (and about 2 000 texts in PDF for
acts before 1989)

Access

Free of charge

A document delivery service, paid by
subscription and delivered via e-mail
or on magnetic support, is available
on the website of the Monitorul Oficial
(www.monitoruloficial.ro).

Official character?

No



Türkiye Cumhuriyeti/Republic of Turkey

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URL

rega.basbakanlik.gov.tr

Nature

Part of the Prime Minister's Office

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

T.C. Resmî Gazete

(Turkish Republic Official Journal)

Official gazettes

Various bulletins and official gazettes
are published by several official
organisations

Legal gazette online

URL

rega.basbakanlik.gov.tr

Availability of texts

After 7 July 2000 (some are in text
format, other are in image format)

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

Yes



European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries



Ísland/Iceland



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Nature

Part of the Ministry of Justice

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Stjórnartíðindi

Official gazette

Lögbirtingablað

Legal gazette online

URL

www.stjornartidindi.is

www.logbirtingablad.is

Availability of texts

Stjórnartíðindi:

Section A: PDF from 2001

Section B: PDF from 2001 (and some of
it in HTML)

Section C: PDF from 1995

Lögbirtingablað: PDF from 2001

Access

Stjórnartíðindi: free of charge

Lögbirtingablað: free of charge

Official character?

Stjórnartíðindi:

Yes, since 8 November 2005

Lögbirtingablað:

Yes, since 4 July 2005



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Nature

Stabsstelle der Regierung

(Coordination unit of the Government)

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

*Liechtensteinisches Landesgesetzblatt
(LGBL)*

Official gazettes

The 'Liechtensteiner Vaterland' and
'Liechtensteiner Volksblatt' newspapers

Legal gazette online

URL

www.gesetze.li

Availability of texts

HTML from 1863

PDF from 1863

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

No



Norge/Norway

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Nature

Private foundation established by the government

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Norsk Lovtidend

(The Norwegian Legal Gazette)

Official gazette

Norsk Lovtidend

Legal gazette online

URL

www.lovdata.no/info/lovtidend.html

Availability of texts

From 1995 (in a 'neutral' format and in a word processing format, in HTML and in an XML-like format)

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

Yes. (The online version has been the official version since 2001.)



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www.admin.ch/ch/d/bk/kav/index_de.html

Nature

Governmental service

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

- *Amtliche Sammlung des Bundesrechts / Recueil officiel du droit fédéral / Raccolta ufficiale delle leggi federali* (Official Compilation of Federal Legislation)

Official gazettes

- *Bundesblatt / Feuille fédérale / Foglio federale* (Federal Gazette)
- *Schweizerisches Handelsamtsblatt / Feuille officielle suisse du commerce / Foglio ufficiale svizzero di commercio* (Swiss Official Trade Journal)

Legal gazette online

URL

www.admin.ch/ch/d/as/index.html

www.admin.ch/ch/d/sr/index.html

Availability of texts

PDF from September 1998

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

Yes. (The paper and online version are equally authentic but in the event of differences concerning the text or the date of publication, the paper version of the Official Compilation of Federal Legislation shall apply.)

Other European countries



Bosna i Hercegovina/ Bosnia and Herzegovina



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Nature

Private company owned by the
government

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazettes

- *Službeni glasnik BiH*
- *Službene novine Federacije BiH*
- *Službene Glasnik BiH — Međunarodni ugovori*

Legal gazette online

URL

www.sluzbenilist.ba/

Availability of texts

HTML and PDF since 1992

Access

Priced subscription

Official character?

No



Shqipëria/Albania

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Nature

Governmental agency depending of
the Ministry of Justice

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Fletore Zyrtare

Official gazette

Fletore Zyrtare

Legal gazette online

URL

www.legjislacionishqiptar.gov.al

www.qpz.gov.al

Availability of texts

PDF and XML since 2004

Access

Free of charge

Official character?

No



Srbija i Crna Gora/Serbia and Montenegro

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Nature

The Public Company Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro, established by the Council of ministers 1945, carries out activities of public interest; that is operations in connection with publishing of the State Union acts and other State Union regulations, as well as publishing a separate edition of the Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro — International Treaties.

Legal gazette(s)/official gazette(s)

Legal gazette

Službeni list

(Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro and Official Gazette of Serbia and Montenegro — International Treaties)

Official gazette

Službeni list

Legal gazette online

URL

www.sluzbenilist.co.yu

Availability of texts

PDF: Official Gazettes from 1945

PDF: Official Gazettes — International Treaties from 1945

PDF: Constitution acts from 1921 to 2005 (from the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes to the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro)

Access

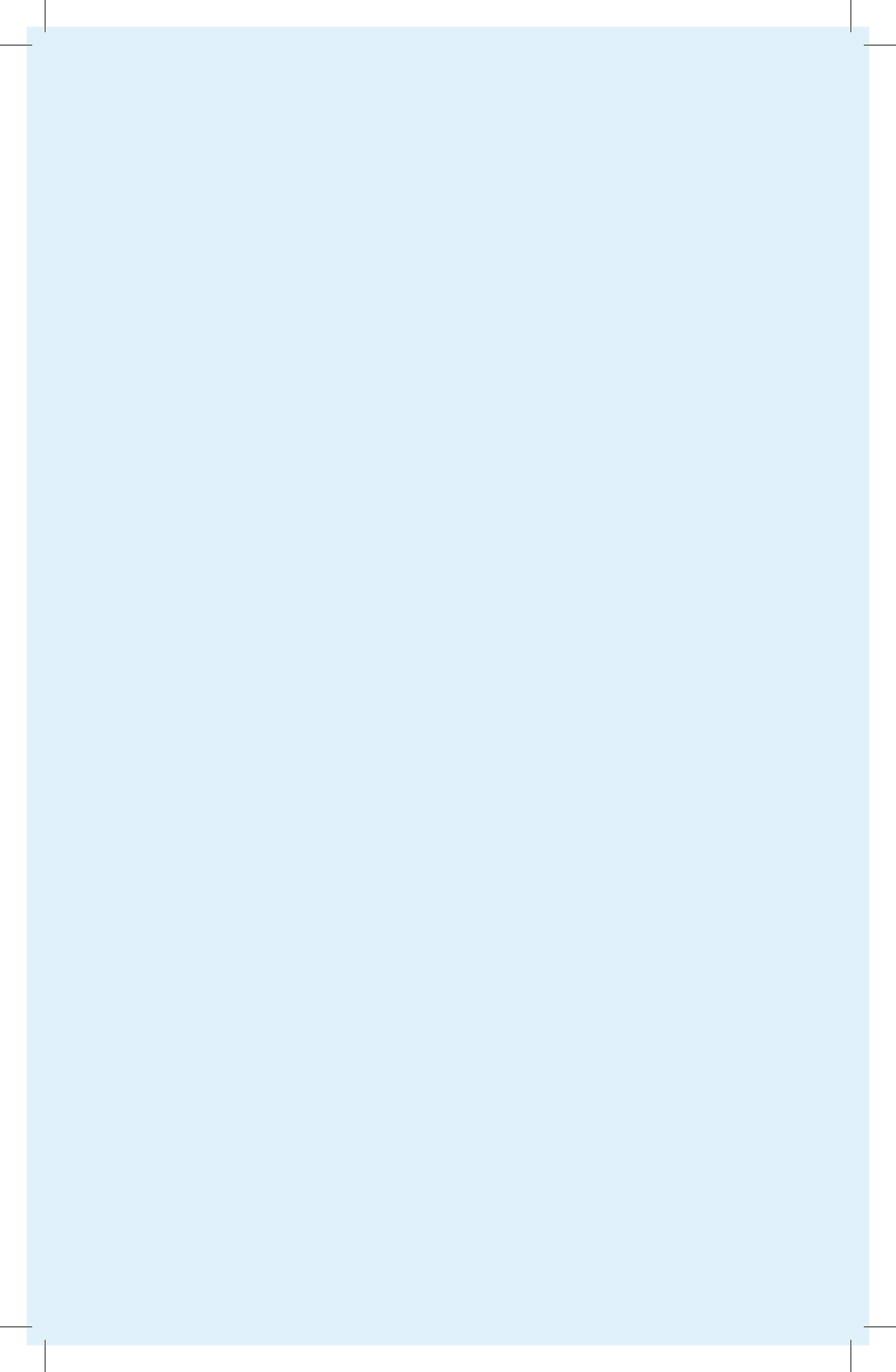
Payable subscription

Official character?

No. But the paper and online versions are identical.



Annex: Information on the forum





Website

The website of the European Forum of Official Gazettes has been open since 1 September 2004.

forum.europa.eu.int/irc/opoce/ojf/info/data/prod/html/index.htm

It contains three sections open to the public and one section open to forum members.

In its sections which are open to the public, the website covers the following main topics.

Official gazettes

A 'portal' to national official gazettes, including a short description of each official gazette in the EU

About the forum

Members, organisation, history

Activities

Proceedings of forum meetings, publications of the forum and documents of interest

Statutes

Preamble

The directors of the official gazettes of the Member States of the European Union and of the *Official Journal of the European Union*:

- having participated in increasing numbers since 1998 in the symposia organised by the initiators of the project,
- desiring to work together to consolidate links between citizens, businesses and the public authorities of the Member States,
- keen to promote the dissemination and sharing of knowledge gained by each country by contributing to the coordination of strategies and operations of joint interest with a view to a common future,

have decided, having regard to their institutional status, to form the European Forum of Official Gazettes (hereafter 'forum') with a simple collegiate structure, the provisions of which are as follows.

Article 1 (composition)

The forum shall comprise the official gazettes of the Member States of the European Union and the *Official Journal of the European Union*, which have specifically agreed to create this forum.

Article 2 (aims)

The forum has the objective of improving the mutual knowledge of the technological progress made by participants and of comparing their respective strategies.

Article 3 (activities)

At least one meeting of the forum shall be held annually, at which each official gazette shall be represented by the person responsible or his or her delegate, without prejudice to the fact that other organisations with the status of observers, experts or speakers on specific subjects may be invited.

The forum shall promote the pooling of information and experience which may be of general use, and the maintenance of an Internet site for the consultation of documents and for dialogue between its members.

The forum may decide, at the proposal of one of its members, to set up working parties.

Article 4 (organisation)

The chair of the forum and organiser of the annual meeting referred to in Article 3 is elected amongst the members of the forum at the meeting preceding the one where he or she takes office. This determines at the same time the venue of the following meeting.

The chair of the forum is assisted by representatives of two other official gazettes, namely his or her predecessor and his or her successor as chair.

Given its institutional position, the *Official Journal of the European Union* will act as secretariat for the forum and be responsible for archiving documents and managing the forum's website; at the request of the chair, it distributes invitations to meetings, proceedings, minutes and other documents.

Article 5 (agenda)

At each meeting of the forum, the main points of the agenda for the following meeting will be set on presentation of a draft drawn up by the chair of the next meeting.

The final agenda and the working documents shall be distributed at least one month before that meeting.

Article 6 (minutes of meetings)

Each of the members of the forum may publish all or part of the proceedings without this being binding on the participants as a whole.

Any communication posted on the forum's website must be translated into English so that it can be understood and used effectively.

Article 7 (amendments)

Proposals for amending this charter shall be included on the agenda of forum meetings and shall be discussed by the members present.

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