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**6TH MEETING**

**LONDON**  
**10 - 11 September 2009**



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# **Programme**



# **Transforming Legislation: The European Forum of Official Gazettes Conference 2009**

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**Theme: Transforming legislation publishing - how the shift to online delivery has enabled innovation and created new services, making legislation more accessible and more relevant to users' needs.**

## **Aim:**

The conference will explore how the decline of print and the shift to online delivery have resulted in the development of new approaches and techniques to meet the needs of official government users and public users; and the importance of the need to evolve services to meet all our audiences' needs. This also results in the increased efficiency of government and related organisations, and drives improvement in the delivery of government services. Starting from a UK and EU perspective, we will track what is happening in other jurisdictions and provide a range of issues to engender discussion and debate.

## **Introduction:**

The world has moved on from the paper based society that started its decline in the 1990s and which was where many current senior officials and government departments and agencies operated. The process of publishing legislation has had to move from the traditional forms of printing (UK Acts for the official archives are still printed on goatskin vellum) to legislation services online. Accessibility drives this innovation ensuring that official documents are available in formats that allow the content to be re-used. This shapes new services that are useful and beneficial to the public, and that improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government services.

Digital information has changed the way we work. Millions of our users are engaged in online activities using simple powerful tools, accessing increasingly more government information, in greater amounts and at greater speeds. Consequently, communication has also changed – people can now download and investigate legislation, regulations and Directives on the move from hand held devices and iphones. As the world moves to placing information online and sharing knowledge and information, governments are following, if not leading information management and making this vital public sector information accessible. Governments are exploring and developing enhancements in how legislative information is captured, registered, managed, stored, revised and published.

Innovative public services, using new yet simple web technologies can enrich the lives of citizens by creating services tailored for each community with the user at the centre and ensuring government public service delivery is as efficient as it can be. As Gordon Brown, British Prime Minister, said in 2007, “this is the century of information”, and this information is the fuel for innovation.

Exploring these themes over two days will take us through the legislative process and will showcase the work that is being undertaken to provide increased capability and efficiency in its services, while providing legislation services that use the power of the latest technology and user requested initiatives.



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## Conference Programme

### Thursday 10 September 2009

- 13.30 – 14.00 Registration and coffee and light refreshments
- 14.00 – 14.20 Chair Welcome  
**Ana Herrero-Botas** *Boletín Oficial del Estado, Madrid*
- 14.20 – 14.30 Opening remarks and Introduction to the Programme - Chair of the Forum  
**Carol Tullo** *Director of the Office of Public Sector Information, UK*
- 14.30 – 14.40 Welcome address  
**Michael Wills** *Minister of State for Justice*
- 14.40 – 14.50 Forum Activity Report 2008/2009  
**José Manuel Ruiz** *Boletín Oficial del Estado, Madrid*
- 14.50 – 15.00 Forum Publications  
**Andrea Bartolini** *Secretary to the Forum*
- 15.00 – 15.30 Integration of UK Legislation  
**Alan Pawsey** *Head of Legislation and Publishing Services, Office of Public Sector information, UK*
- 15.30 – 16.00 Boarding coaches and travel to London Eye
- 16.00 – 17.30 Visit to the London Eye
- 17.30 – 18.00 Boarding boat
- 18.00 – 19.00 Boat Cruise on the River Thames
- 19.00 – 19.10 Disembark boat
- 19.10 – 19.30 Group photo outside Tate Modern Art Gallery
- 19.30 Pre-dinner drinks
- 20.00 Dinner at Tate Modern Art Gallery  
After Dinner Speaker - The Story of Legislation  
**Stephen Laws**, *First Parliamentary Counsel, UK*
- 23.00 End of evening – depart to Hotels



## Friday 11 September 2009

- 9.15 – 9.45 Coffee
- 9.45 – 10.00 Welcome to Day 2  
**Carol Tullo**
- 10.00 – 10.30 Adding value through the Web  
**John Sheridan** *Head of e-Services and Strategy, Office of Public Sector Information, UK*
- 10.30 – 11.00 EC-funded Semantic technologies and the Official Gazettes  
**Stefano Bertolo** *Project Officer, European Commission Information Society DG, Luxembourg*
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 12.00 Common access to EU Law  
**Martine Reicherts** *Director of the Publications Office of the European Union*
- 12.00 – 12.30 Aligning the international reach of GLIN with Europe  
**Janice Hyde** *Program Officer, GLIN, Law Library of Congress, Washington, USA*
- 12.30 – 13.00 From Bill to Act - the journey of legislation through Parliament  
**Michael Pownall** *Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, UK*
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch  
Materials illustrating the changes in legislation publishing over the years, from publication of the Chancery Rolls through to the current online systems, including those of the UK Government contractor – TSO (The Stationery Office Limited), will be on display and demonstrated.
- 14.30 – 15.00 Progress Report from the Working Group on Consolidation  
**Marika Seppius** *Estonia*
- 15.00 – 15.30 Progress Report from the Working Group on Indexing and Search  
**Aleš Gola**, *Czech Republic*
- 15.30 – 15.45 The new organisation of the "Official journal" and the "Documentation Française"  
**Didier François**, *Director of the Official Journal, France*
- 15.45 – 16:15 Coffee Break
- 16.15 – 16:45 The road ahead for the European Forum of Official Gazettes  
**Karl Schiessl**, *Austria* and **Søren Broberg Nielsen**, *Denmark*
- 16.45 – 17.00 New Topics and Work plan, General Discussion
- 17.00 – 17.15 Information on the 7th meeting in Rome 2010  
**Alfonso Andriani**, *Direzione della Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana*
- Closing remarks** – Carol Tullo

