



Publications Office
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THE NEW EU LEGAL DEPOSIT SCHEME:

what's in it for you?

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narrated by colleagues from OP.A.4 (Library and Preservation Services Unit) with
some guest star appearances



THE STORY OF THE EU LEGAL DEPOSIT SCHEME



Information explosion: some statistics

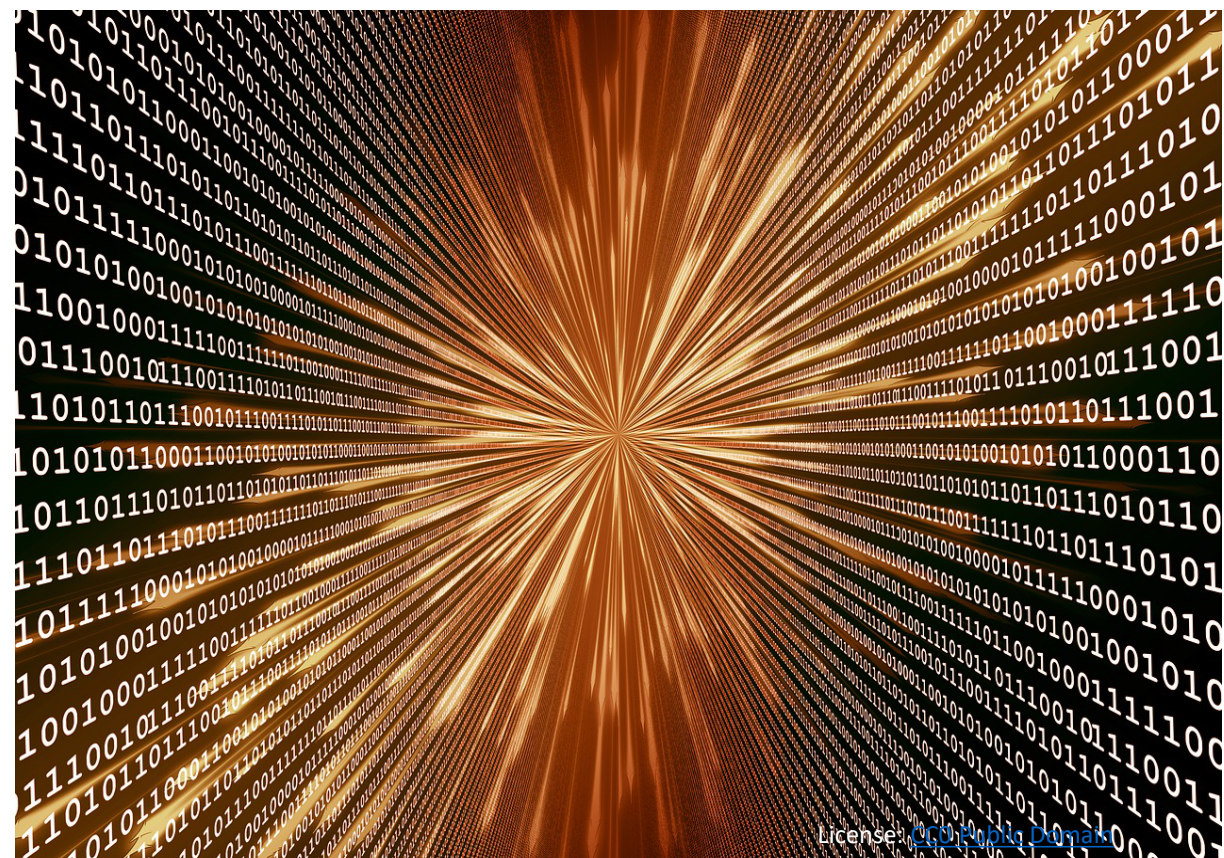
Over 131 million books in the world

Each year more than 2.2 million new titles are added

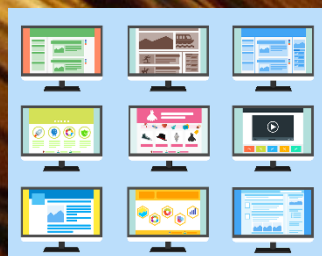
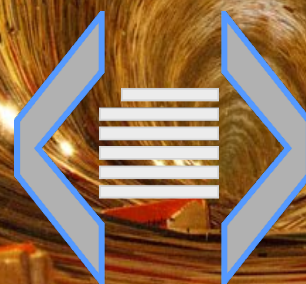
15 terabytes of information produced every day

Over 3.5 billion searches per day on Google

564,768 results produced from a typical search



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Legal deposit schemes

- First scheme:
 - France, 1537
 - Ordonnance of Montpellier



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Main objectives of a legal deposit scheme

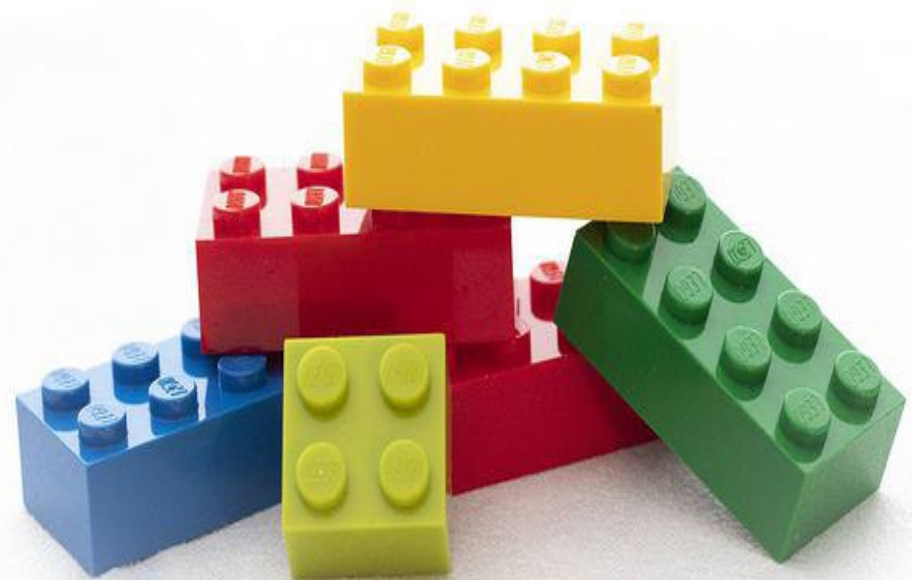
Guarantee long-term **preservation**

Enable **access**
for current and future generations



The **building blocks** of a legal deposit scheme

- Deposit/collect
- Identifiers
- Metadata
- Access
- Preservation



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2009/496/EC, Euratom: Decision of the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 26 June 2009 on the organisation and operation of the Publications Office of the European Union

Article 4

Responsibilities of the institutions

2. The institutions shall use the services of the Office to publish their mandatory publications.

3. The institutions may publish their non-mandatory publications without the involvement of the Office. In that case, they shall ask the Office for international standard numbers and/or catalogue numbers and give the Office an electronic version of the publication, whatever its format, as well as two paper copies of the publication where appropriate.

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Article 5

Tasks of the Office

1. Tasks performed by the Office shall include the following:
 - (c) the indexation and cataloguing of publications;
 - (l) storage;
 - (m) physical and electronic archiving;
 - (o) the creation of a consolidated catalogue of the institutions' publications;

EU Legal Deposit scheme: seed of inspiration

**Preservation of EU publications heritage:
report to the Management Committee of
the Publications Office of the European
Union.**

Legal Deposit Working Group, 2011.

[Ares\(2011\)391394](#)

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EU Legal Deposit scheme: scope

...any material authored or made public either by or upon the order of an EU institution or its official representative as part of their service and **with a primary purpose of being disseminated to a public external** to the EU institutions.

...material collected **will not be judged on its overall value**

EU Legal Deposit scheme: phased approach

Phase 1 (**1st January 2022**):

Publications and websites

Phase 2 (2023):

Audiovisual and press releases

Phase 3 (2024):

Social media and data sets



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