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Public Sector Information Directive

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Why a Directive on Public Sector Information (PSI)?



- The public sector collects and produces a wide range of information in many areas of activity, such as social, economic, geographical, weather, tourist and other information
- Wider possibilities of re-using public sector information should *inter alia* allow European companies to exploit its potential and contribute to economic growth and job creation



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The existing PSI - Directive

Directive „2003/98/EC on Re-Use of Public Sector Information“ – key principles:

- Provide the information in existing formats
- Cost-orientated pricing
- Pre-established and published conditions for the re-use of documents
- Conditions for use to be defined in standard licenses
- Non-discrimination and prohibition of exclusive arrangements



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The existing PSI - Directive

The PSI Directive is one pillar in a system of three Directives, other pillars are:

➤ Directive on Access to Information 2003/4/EC

Mainly aiming at providing citizens with information about the environment

➤ INSPIRE-Directive 2007/2/EC

Aiming at the creation of a European SDI and of national SDIs.



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The existing PSI - Directive

What has been achieved?

- Case study Austria: Legal transposition on federal and regional level; setting up a “public sector information register”, where information can be looked up.
- The ePSIplatform provides wide-ranging PSI data from across the Union
<http://www.epsiplatform.eu>



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The existing PSI - Directive

What has not been achieved?

The 2009 review of the Directive indicated that, in spite of progress since 2003, barriers to the cross-border use of public sector information still exist

- > how to improve the situation? New EU Commission Initiative in 2011 to improve the legal framework and the practical implementation



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New PSI Directive



Commission Communication “**Open data - an engine for innovation, growth and transparent governance**”, COM (2011) 882

Three elements:

- ❖ Improved legal framework
- ❖ Financial support schemes
- ❖ Support to coordination and information exchange between member states



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New PSI Directive



What is new in the upcoming revised PSI Directive?

- Introducing the principle that all public information that is not explicitly covered by one of the exceptions is re-usable for commercial and non-commercial purposes;
- Setting the amount that can be charged for public sector information at not more than the marginal costs of dissemination; in exceptional cases, charging the full costs for producing and disseminating the information remains possible.



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New PSI Directive



What is new in the upcoming revised PSI Directive?
(continuation)

- Expanding the scope of the Directive to include libraries, archives, museums and university libraries, though in a way that limits the possible financial effects and does not impose a major administrative burden on these institutions

Currently negotiations in the Council and in the European Parliament



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Further reading & links

British governmental data portal:

<http://data.gov.uk/>

French governmental data portal:

<http://www.etalab.gouv.fr/>

Austrian governmental data portal:

<http://data.gv.at/>

Linked open data research project:

<http://lod2.eu/Welcome.html>



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Discussion



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