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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











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











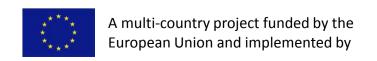
The PSI Directive is one pillar in a system of three Diretives, other pillars are:

➤ 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.













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







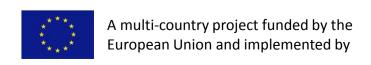




What has not been achieved?

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











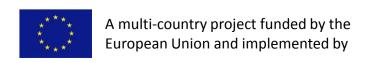
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Commission Communication "Open data - an engine for innovation, growth and transparent governance", COM (2011) 882

Three elements:

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









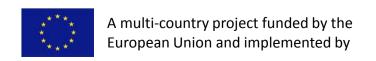


New PSI Directive



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.











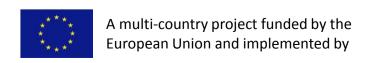
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What is new in the upcoming revised PSI Directive? (continuation)

 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**











Further reading & links



British governmental data portal:

http://data.gov.uk/

French governmental data portal:

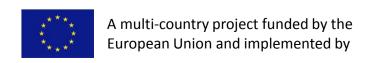
http://www.etalab.gouv.fr/

Austrian governmental data portal:

http://data.gv.at/

Linked open data research project:

http://lod2.eu/Welcome.html











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