



European e-Justice

« Justice at a click »

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Agenda

- **European e-Justice Portal**
- **The Environmental perspective**

European e-Justice

- **Use of IT at the service of judicial systems**
- **Simplify procedures**
- **Improve access to justice**
- **Reduce costs**
- **Based on Council Action Plan**

Policy and legal basis

- *Communication "Towards a European e-Justice strategy (COM(2008)329)*
- *Council of November 2008 subsequently adopted a "European e-Justice Action Plan*

The European e-Justice Portal aims at...

- Being a one stop shop for justice matters
- Interconnecting existing national justice applications
- Re-using and linking to existing information
- Serving diverse stakeholders at EU level
- <https://e-justice.europa.eu>

But does not aim at...

- Replacing existing national solutions
- Centralising more than necessary
- Replacing or modifying existing offline procedures and practices

General Philosophy

- **Single point for Justice e-Services**
- **Step by step approach**
- **Multilingual from day one**
- **Co-owned by the Member States**
- **Decentralised as much as possible**
- **Ambitious!**

Release 1 – 16th of July 2010

- **Information pages on 27 Member States**
 - Available in 22 languages
- **Content Management System**
 - Update of content
 - Notifications to registered users



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Release 2 – November 2011

- **Redesigned homepage & user interface**
- **New online forms**
- **Victims' and Defendants' rights factsheets**
- **IDOL 7 search engine integrated**



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The European e-Justice Portal is conceived as a future electronic one-stop-shop in the area of justice.

As a first step it strives to make your life easier by providing information on justice systems and improving access to justice throughout the EU, in 22 languages.



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Environmental perspective (1)

- DG ENV contracted UBA (Umweltbundesamt GmbH) in 2011 + subcontractor EMLA
- Pool of national experts
- Government or other 3
- Judiciary 4
- Private sector 6
- Academia 4
- Civil society 10

Environmental perspective (2)

Main topics addressed by the facts sheets:

Access to justice in environmental matters

Access to info

Public participation

Standing

Procedural rules

Other means of access

Transboundary cases

Etc.

Environmental perspective (3)

Illustrative questions addressed by the experts:

- Is there actio popularis in your country?*
- Are there specialized courts dealing with env matters?*
- Are anti-discrimination clauses regarding language or country of origin found in the procedural laws of your country?*
- etc.*

Environmental perspective (4)

- First drafts arrived during the course of 2012
- Expert group meetings with judges and MS
- Process of finalising on-going
- Next steps: send to MS and DG JUST
- Send for translation in all official languages of the EU

Environment and training

Communications - COM (2007) 502 final) and the (COM (2008) 773 final) highlighted the crucial role of national courts and national judges.

- kick-off in 2008, Paris*
- Thirteen seminars were already organized by DG ENV*

Available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/legal/law/training_package.htm



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