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Introductory Guide to Europe on the Internet

This guide lists the most useful web sites for information about the institutions and activities of the European Union, the countries of Europe and key European issues.

Please ask staff in the Library if you want help in using any of these, or other, sources of European information.

Searching for European information on the Internet

Google (or any other general search engine)

<http://www.google.com>

Many people use general search engines to search for *everything* on the internet. General Search Engines *are* essential tools for information searching *but do not put all your trust in them: they have definite limitations*. You can search google with a country specific domain name (for example, [France](#), [Germany](#), [UK](#), [Spain](#), [Slovenia](#) etc)

EUROPA

http://europa.eu/index_en.htm

EUROPA is the overall entry point for information from the EU Institutions and Agencies. It is one of the world's largest internet servers.

Multilingual: Legislative documents, popular-level information and 'front pages' should be available in all official EU languages. Otherwise, there is limited although growing availability in all languages.

EUROPA: Search Engine

http://europa.eu/geninfo/query/advSearch_en.jsp

This is the search engine provided by the EU to search for information contained within its EUROPA server: however, it has many limitations. If you do want to search only for information contained on EUROPA it is preferable to undertake an [advanced search](#) on Google and restrict the search to the EUROPA domain name (europa.eu) in the field called 'Search within a site or domain'

European Commission: Library: ECLAS

<http://ec.europa.eu/eclas/>

ECLAS is the European Commission's library catalogue.

ECLAS provides bibliographical references to books, journal articles, EU official documents and publications etc. A new version of ECLAS has been publicly available since 2007. Links to full text if sources are freely available on the web.

EU Bookshop

<http://bookshop.europa.eu/>

EU Bookshop is an online service giving access to *publications* (not *documents*) from the EU institutions, agencies and other bodies. EU Bookshop allows users to search for EU publications, order paper copies for purchase or freely download a pdf version. The EU Bookshop is managed by the Publications Office. It was publicly launched in March 2005. In mid 2008 it now has 25,000 titles listed (this includes all language versions) and 150 titles are added monthly.

Plans have been advanced to create The **Publications Office Digital Library**. The proposal is to scan the bulk of all EU publications since 1952 (estimated to be 13m pages) by October 2009 into the EU Bookshop making them freely available for downloading.

European Sources Online

<http://www.europeansources.info/>

The leading commercial source to find information *focused on Europe*: the European Union, the countries of Europe and issues of concern to European stakeholders and citizens.

ESO provides bibliographical references to books and journal articles, full text newspaper articles, and links to full text of EU documentation (legislation, statistics, reports, press releases etc), national official sources, stakeholder and think tank information, other international organisations etc.

Also contains *Information Guides* introducing you to the main policies and institutions of the EU and the countries of Europe.

Ian Thomson, who takes part in the Library Information seminar programme at Natolin in January and September each year, is the Executive Editor of ESO. ESO is freely available to students at the College of Europe.

Introductory information on the European Union

Easy Reading Corner

http://europa.eu/comm/publications/index_en.htm

Links to *introductory* booklets from the European Commission about what the EU is, what it does and how it does it

Legislative, judicial, policy-making and policy-tracking information

European Commission: EUR-OP: *EUR-Lex*

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>

Free access information service to EU legislative and judicial information.

Includes access to full text of EU Treaties, ECJ judgements, proposed, adopted and consolidated legislation + the full text of the *Official Journal* C and L series since 1998.

The link above is to the 'new' EUR-LEX, which from 2005 combined the 'old' EUR-LEX and CELEX.

National implementing legislation (MNE): it is possible to trace the bibliographic details (not the full text) of National implementing legislation of an EC Directive from a 'Search' in 'EUR-LEX' (this information is not available from 'browsing' the Directory of Community Legislation in Force part of EUR-LEX). The [amount of information](#) provided in MNE has been improved from May 2008.

To trace the full text of national implementing legislation for Member States paste the precise title of legislation into a [google](#) search. On many occasions this will locate the full text of relevant legislation. Other links to national legislative and judicial websites can be found [here](#).

You can also use [N-Lex](#), a new service available in an experimental version, which allows you to search national legislative websites using a common search page.

[Lex-Alert](#) : when fully operational will allow you to receive regular free emails / RSS feeds indicating new items added to EUR-LEX in subjects chosen by you. To take part in a trial service contact Philippe.Defays@publications.europa.eu

For countries which joined the EU in 2004 + applicant and prospective countries national implementing legislation can be found on [TAIEX](#)

[Directory of Community Legislation](#) allows you to print out subsets of all EU legislation currently in force in particular policy areas

Other features to note

- Bi-lingual display
- Use of [Eurovoc](#) and subject terms
- [Consolidated texts](#) [[Further information on Consolidation/Codification](#)]
- Links to OEIL and PreLex
- SEC documents are now being added to EUR-LEX (Impact Assessments issued as SEC Docs may be renamed)
- loading of all COM Documents since 1958 planned (currently 1988-98 is being loaded), + other legislative documents (However, there will be no retrospective translation).
- A 'very simple search' for EUR-LEX is planned (maybe in 2008 but more likely 2009)
- A new version of EUR-LEX is planned for 2009

European Parliament: *Legislative Observatory (OEIL)*

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/index.jsp?language=en>

Database allows you to trace the progress of EU legislative proposals and initiatives through the EU policy-making process.

Hyperlinks to all key primary documents

Useful summaries of each stage reached in the policy-making process.

European Commission: *PreLex*

<http://ec.europa.eu/prelex/apcnet.cfm?CL=en>

Another database that allows you to trace the progress of EU legislative proposals and initiatives through the EU policy-making process

Hyperlinks to all key primary documents

European Commission: Activities of the European Union: Summaries of Legislation

http://ec.europa.eu/scadplus/scad_en.htm

Summaries of key EU legislation in most policy areas

Hyperlinks to all key primary documents.

European Court of Justice: Case law: CURIA

<http://curia.europa.eu/en/content/juris/index.htm>

CURIA offers free access to the full text of ECJ/ECFI Judgements and Opinions from 6/1997 up to the most recent.

Note that it is possible to find the text of judgments from 1954 on this website if you know the number of a case.

You can access the same information through the 'new' [EUR-LEX](#), which has now also added a specific search case law [link](#)

Summaries of important judgements available through [Press Releases](#) and [Proceedings](#)

European Court Reports is the paper version of ECJ judgments and opinions, still considered as the authoritative version.

'C' indicates a case of the European Court of Justice

'T' indicates a case of the European Court of First Instance

'F' indicates a case of the Civil Service Tribunal

[Common Portal of National Case Law](#) [\[Further information\]](#)

Further websites for policy monitoring, tracking the activities of the key EU Institutions and accessing 'unpublished' documents

European Commission

Annual round of Strategic Planning and Programming Cycle (SPPC)

- **February:** *Annual Policy Strategy (APS)*
- **March:** APS inter-institutional dialogue begins
- **May / June:** *Preliminary Draft Budget*
- **August:** APS stocktaking document
- **October:** *Legislative and Work Programme*
- **December:** *Annual Management Plans*
- **July** (the year after): each Director-General in Commission produces a review report of previous year + the Commission produces a composite version of these reports

- **The European Commission at Work**
http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/index_en.htm

- **Strategic Programme 2005-2009:** http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/com/2005/com2005_0012en01.pdf

- **Legislation and Work Programme for 2008 (and subsequently)**
http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/programmes/index_en.htm

- **Annual Policy Strategy for 2009:**
http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/synthesis/doc/aps_2009_en.pdf [2009 APS announced 13.02.08]

- **Annual Management Plans**
[Annual Management Plans](#) for each Directorate General

- **Annual Activity Reports (for each DG) [Latest reports covering 2007 published 2008]**
http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/synthesis/aar/index_en.htm

- **Synthesis Report (covering AARs for 2006):**
[COM \(2007\)67](#) (Policy achievements) ([Brochure version](#)): /
[COM \(2007\)274](#) (Management achievements)

- **Policy achievements for 2006 (Draft for 2007, not yet formally issued)**
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/com/2007/com2007_0067en01.pdf

- **Forward programme**
http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/programmes/index_en.htm#forward

- **Execution report**
http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/programmes/index_en.htm#forward

- **European Commission: Agenda and minutes of weekly meeting**
http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/collegemeetings/index_en.htm

- **Website of President Barroso**
http://ec.europa.eu/commission_barroso/president/index_en.htm
- **EU Budget:**
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/budget/www/index-en.htm>
See also: Current budget:
http://ec.europa.eu/budget/budget_detail/current_year_en.htm
2009 budget: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/budget_detail/next_year_en.htm (PDB, May 2008)

These websites help you to find what are the strategic objectives of each five year period of the European Commission, plus the more focused programmes for the following year and next three months, plus reviews of what did happen looking back. In addition, you can see the agenda and the minutes of the weekly European Commission meeting. The budgetary process can also be followed on Commission websites.

EU Presidency Programme

The programme of the EU Presidency is a useful guide to current and future policy-making activities from the perspective of the Member State holding the Presidency.

A recent new feature is for forthcoming Presidencies to collaborate and coordinate o their future programmes. In 2004-6 this led to 'Operational Programmes' and Multi-annual Strategic Programmes' for the forthcoming years. In 2007 the phrase 'Team Presidency' began to be used. In 2008 the term 'Trio Presidency' is being used to describe the Presidencies of France, Sweden and the Czech Republic, July 2008-December 2009.

- **18 month Programme of the German, Portuguese and Slovenian Presidencies, January 2007-June 2008**
http://www.eu2007.de/includes/Download_Dokumente/Trio-Programm/trioenglish.pdf
- **18 month Programme of the French, Czech Republic and Swedish Presidencies, June 2008-December 2009**
<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/08/st11/st11249.en08.pdf>
- **France: EU Presidency, July-December 2008**
<http://www.ue2008.fr>
Programme: [Europe Taking Action to meet today's challenges](#)
- **Other Presidency websites**
http://consilium.europa.eu/cms3_fo/showPage.asp?id=695&lang=en&mod
[e=g](#)

EU Presidency Conclusions (following European Council meetings 'Summits')

Following a European Council summit the 'Presidency Conclusions' are issued. These provide a guide to future strategic priorities of the EU and decisions on other matters taken at the summit.

Note that the EP site offers a link to an external website which provide French texts of Presidency Conclusions from 1975-

- **Council site, 1994-** <http://consilium.europa.eu/presid/conclusions.htm>
- **European Parliament site, 1985-**
<http://europarl.europa.eu/summits/index.htm>

Council of the European Union Meetings: Reports and Agendas

- **Meetings of the Council at Ministerial level**
http://consilium.europa.eu/cms3_fo/showPage.asp?id=221&lang=en&mode=g
- **Working Party meetings: find through Register of documents:**
<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/servlet/driver?page=Advanced&typ=&lang=EN&fc=REGAISEN&srm=25&md=100&cmsid=639> Agenda of future Working Party meetings:
http://register.consilium.europa.eu/servlet/driver?page=Result&typ=Agendas&lang=EN&fc=REGAISEN&srm=50&md=400&ssf=DATE_DOCUMENT+DESC&ii_PUBLIC_DOC=%3E0&ff_CODE_TYPE_DOCUMENT=TX|CM&cmsid=649
- **Agenda of future Council meetings: Example, July-December 2008**
<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/08/st11/st11147.en08.pdf>
(Part I)
<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/08/st11/st11145.en08.pdf>
(Part II)
- **List of Council preparatory bodies**
<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/08/st11/st11301.en08.pdf>
(July 2008)

European Parliament

- **Activities**
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities.do?language=EN>

Registers of documents

- **Council of the European Union**
http://www.consilium.europa.eu/cms3_fo/showPage.asp?id=549&lang=en&mode=g
- **European Parliament**
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/registre/recherche/RechercheSimplifiee.cfm>
- **European Commission**
<http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/registre.cfm?CL=en>
- **Committees:**
http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regcomitology/index_en.htm

Under the 'Access to documents' legislation ([Regulation 1049/2001](#) citizens have a right to accessing EU documents, including unpublished documents (with certain exceptions). So that citizens can know which documents exist various Registers of Documents have been established. Registers can include both 'published' and 'unpublished' documents. In some cases the full text of documents is directly accessible from the Registers. In other cases only brief details are supplied. You need to apply to receive the document.

Some useful documents that are accessible through the Registers are not available through any other source - examples include SEC Documents and papers of Council Working Parties. Can also be a useful way of gaining early access to some important legislative and policy making documents not available in any other public source.

New in 2004 was an additional Register: Register of Comitology Committees documents. Note that in April 2008 a 'new improved' version of the Comitology Register was launched, although the 'old' version should still be used for the period 2004-08 (although very incomplete).

New European Commission proposal on Access to documents, April 2008 (Press Release, [IP/08/661](#))

Other EU Institutions and Agencies also maintain Registers of documents (there is no common format and they vary in quality) – for example:

- [Committee of the Regions](#)
- [EESC](#)
- [European Agency for Safety and Health](#)
- [European Training Foundation](#)
- [Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market](#)
- [Community Plant Variety Office](#)
- NB: [EFSA](#)
- NB: Margot Wallstrom: [Register of Mail](#)

NB European Free Trade Association (EFTA) launched a [Register of documents](#) in April 2008

European Commission: Your voice in Europe

http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/index_en.htm

The European Commission's 'single access point' to a wide variety of consultations, discussions and other tools which enable the public, businesses and others to play an active role in the European policy-making process.

See also these other websites:

- [Impact assessment](#)
- [Conciliation](#)

Keeping up-to-date

EU sources

EU Press Room

http://europa.eu/press_room/index_en.htm

A news site from the European Commission's DG Communication

Includes Press Releases (and related material), forthcoming events, background information on major topics, links to Europe by Satellite etc

A separate news site bringing together information on key developments is available called [EU explained](#)

European Commission: Press and Communication Service: RAPID

<http://europa.eu/rapid/setLanguage.do?language=en>

Database of Press Releases, Speeches and related material, from most of the EU Institutions

Mainly focuses on the European Commission but Press Releases from other EU Institutions and some other EU bodies (except the European Parliament) are included.

Every Friday a Press Release called '[Top Stories](#)' (click on 'Agenda' in the 'Type' field) is issued which highlights the planned major policy initiatives and events of the next three weeks, with links to background information. You can also find the latest 'Top Stories' link by scrolling down to 'Top Stories' icon on the right hand side of the EU Press Room website. A special Top Stories briefly highlighting initiatives for the next six months is issued every January and June. The latest issue covering July-December 2008 is available [here](#)

A summary of the key news announced in the daily European Commission midday briefing is available via [Midday Express](#). The most [recent](#) material added to the database over the last few days is also available.

You can also search for older Press Releases and related material

RAPID is a valuable source of concise information on recent developments.

General Report on the Activities of the European Union

<http://europa.eu/generalreport/en/welcome.htm>

The *General Report* is a concise annual report providing information on activities in the EU. Latest report describing 2006 was published February 2007.

Hyperlinks to primary sources in the Official Journal and COM Documents.

The *General Report* has been available on the web since 1997.

Search engine allows you to search over all the years *or* use the index in each annual report

For 2004 the report was divided into two (a concise overview called the 'full' report available in all languages and a 'technical annex' with more detail only in English, French and German. Since 2005 only the 'full' report has been issued.

Bulletin of the European Union

<http://europa.eu/bulletin/en/welcome.htm>

A concise monthly report providing information on activities in the EU. Updates the information from the *General Report*. Hyperlinks to primary sources in the Official Journal and COM Documents

Search engine allows you to search through ALL issues *or* use the cumulative index for all issues in a particular year. The *Bulletin of the EU* since 2005 only available in English, French and German.

New publishing methods have recently allowed the Bulletin to become much more up-to-date. Note: if you want to print out information click on the 'Print the section' link

EUROPA: *What's New*

<http://europa.eu/geninfo/whatsnew.htm>

A day-by-day (selective) listing of new information added to the EUROPA server

Plus links to 'What's new' pages of other EU Institutions, agencies and departments

EUROPA: Agenda of the EU Institutions

http://europa.eu/news/agenda/index_en.htm

Find out the forthcoming activities of each of the EU Institutions [not available September 2008: may be moving to a new address]

Europe Media Monitor

<http://emm.jrc.it/NewsBrief/worldedition/en/en.html>

Offers you access to recent news sources published around the world. You can set the system to focus on issues relating to the EU as a whole, individual DGs of the European Commission and other criteria. Automated selection of material, which produces some weaknesses but nevertheless an interesting new tool.

Europe on TV

[Europe by Satellite \(Ebs\)](#)

[EP Live](#) (watch out for [EuroparTV](#) (see article in [UACES Newsletter](#), No.55, March 2008, p4 'Viewing the Parliament')

Council of the European Union: [Streaming Service](#)

[EUTube](#)

[Euronews](#) (versions in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Arabic)

[EUX.TV](#) (versions in English, French and German)

[FT News](#)

[France24](#) (versions in French, English and Arabic)

[Deutsche Welle](#) (versions in English and German)

[Russia Today](#) (versions in English, Russian and Arabic)

[NATOChannel TV](#) (from April 2008)

Europe on radio

EURANET: European Radio Project: Initiative launched February 2008 ([IP/08/303](#) / [MEMO/08/113](#))

([Press Release](#) from Cambridge University, February 2008) ([News](#), 26.2.08)(see short [video](#) advert)

Example of programmes can be found via [Radio Netherlands Worldwide](#)

Many other broadcasters offer audio channels in a range of languages.

Keeping up-to-date

Non-official sources

EUobserver

<http://euobserver.com>

Day-to-day news of events and initiatives in the EU. Has a reputation as being questioning about aspects of the EU, but information service is of a high standard. A new look from June 2008

EurActiv

<http://www.euractiv.com>

Day-to-day news of events and initiatives in the EU. Has a reputation for being euro-enthusiast but good quality news service, with useful links to further information from the 'actors' involved including the EU Institutions and stakeholders. Read a profile of [EurActiv](#), August 2008

The Parliament. Com

<http://www.theparliament.com/EN/>

Day-to-day news of events and initiatives in the EU

EUBusiness

<http://www.eubusiness.com/>

Day-to-day news of events and initiatives in the EU

Financial Times: European stories

<http://news.ft.com/world/europe>

European news and analysis from a leading world newspaper

Extensive coverage of EU activities: most of today's information is freely available but increasingly older information is restricted to subscribers (FT articles about the EU and European countries available in *European Sources Online*)

Find further [European newspapers](#)

BBC News: European stories

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/world/europe/default.stm>

European news and analysis from a leading world broadcaster

Find further [European broadcasters](#) including [Euronews](#)

Information on European policies and countries

European Sources Online: Information Guides: Policies and European countries

<http://www.europeansources.info/>

Information Guides on policies will provide you with an up-to-date introduction to key policy areas + hyperlinks to hundreds of further relevant information sources, including the most up-to-date information.

Information Guides on countries will provide you with up-to-date links to websites for key types of information about fifty countries in Europe, plus links to the latest information about developments in these countries

Fact Sheets (from the European Parliament)

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/facts/default_en.htm

Good source for introductory information on the EU institutions and policies.

Currently, only available in English. French and German.

EUROPA: European Union: Policies

http://europa.eu/pol/about_en.htm

Offers access to information on EU policies from the websites of the EU.

European Commission: Directorates-General

http://ec.europa.eu/comm/dgs_en.htm

The websites of the Directorates General of the European Commission are the key source of EU policy and background information

A-Z Index of European Union websites

<http://www.eurunion.org/infores/euindex.htm>

This index from the Washington Delegation of the European Commission is a useful entry point for policy information

European countries online

http://europa.eu/abc/european_countries/index_en.htm

Links to a limited number of national official websites and information about European countries

The European Court of Justice also offer links through to Institutional and Legal Internet [websites](#) in the EU Member States

Google: Web Directory: Regional: Europe

<http://directory.google.com/Top/Regional/Europe>

Statistical information

[Eurostat](#)

Website provides free access to EU statistical information (don't expect to find EU-level statistics on all subjects: these generally only exist when the EU is directly involved in policymaking in that subject area).

Data is provided in two separate ways: pdf versions of paper sources and simple data tables. More complex data can be found in specialised databases (you will need to register but access is free).

Contact information

How to find names and addresses of European organisations on the internet, including EU Institutions and NGOs

EU Institutions

http://europa.eu/institutions/index_en.htm

Links through to the homepages of each of the EU Institutions

EU Agencies

http://europa.eu/agencies/index_en.htm

Links through to the homepages of each of the EU Agencies

Contact the European Union

http://europa.eu/geninfo/mailbox/index_en.htm

First access point for contacting each of the EU Institutions and Agencies

European Commission: Contact points within EU Institutions, Agencies and other bodies

http://europa.eu/geninfo/info/contact/index_en.htm

Provides addresses and contact details for EU Institutions and agencies. Plus contact details for EU information networks

European Commission: *EU Who is who*

<http://europa.eu/whoiswho/whoiswho.html>

Provides names, addresses and contact details for senior officials working in all of the EU Institutions and Agencies. In addition, includes Members of the European Parliament

European Commission: *Commission Directory*

<http://ec.europa.eu/staffdir/index.htm>

Provides contact details for all European Commission officials. Includes direct line telephone numbers and fax numbers. Search by name, department or subject keyword

Despite being first made available in 2004 the website still says the Directory is a 'pilot project' and is only available in a limited number of languages.

European Commission: Secretariat General: CONECCS: Consultation, the European Commission and Civil Society

http://ec.europa.eu/comm/civil_society/coneccs/index_en.htm

Provided contact details for the pan-European organisations that were recognised by the European Commission + a separate list of Consultative Committees working with the European Commission.

(2008: CONECCS is now withdrawn and has been replaced by the [Register of Lobbyists / Interest Representatives](#) launched on the 23 June 2008 – this however is not so useful for tracing contact details of a wide range of organisations)

European Commission: Secretariat General: Register of Expert Groups

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/>

Expert Groups are advisory bodies (usually composed of national officials or experts) that assist the European Commission and its services in preparing legislative proposals and policy initiatives. This new register lists formal and informal advisory bodies established either by Commission decisions or informally by the Commission services and provides information on those groups, such as the lead service in the Commission, the group's tasks, the category of participants and contact details.

There is also a more limited list of ['Joint Entities resulting from International Agreements'](#)

Europe Direct

http://ec.europa.eu/europedirect/index_en.htm

Submit questions to Europe Direct information hotline (call centre in Brussels), who act as a signpost, or receive guidance on finding information on EUROPA. See the [2005 Annual Report](#)

Since 2005 EUROPE DIRECT also has a [network of information centres](#) in all EU Member States (UK from 2006)

Contact MEPs

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/members/public.do?language=en>

Contact details for each individual MEP elected in June 2004

The EU in your country

http://europa.eu/euinyourcountry/index_en.htm

A website on where to locate and how to contact European Commission and European Parliament offices, MEPs and European information networks in the EU Member States and around the world.

Translation, linguistic and terminological websites

Aids for translators

http://ec.europa.eu/translation/index_en.htm

Lots of links to dictionaries and other translation aids

IATE: Inter-institutional terminology database

<http://iate.europa.eu>

IATE is an interactive terminology database system for the collection, dissemination and shared management of terminology between the Institutions, Agencies and other bodies of the EU

It is new. As of April 2007 a 'beta' service is available publicly. It replaces [TIS](#) and Eurodicautom (see below)

What is [IATE](#)

Glossary of terms

http://europa.eu/scadplus/glossary/index_en.htm

Concise definitions of technical, legal and jargon words and phrases in common use in the EU

Eurojargon

http://europa.eu/abc/eurojargon/index_en.htm

A list of non-technical words used in the EU with concise definitions

Main acronyms and abbreviations (Inter-Institutional Style Guide)

<http://publications.europa.eu/code/en/en-5000400.htm>

A non-exhaustive list of acronyms and abbreviations used in the EU.

Altavista Translation with SYSTRANS

<http://uk.altavista.com/babelfish>

Provides machine translation of words, phrases, sentences + websites from English into French, German, Spanish and Portuguese, Dutch, Greek, Russia, Chinese, Korean, Japanese etc)

Very basic service but can be useful

Blogs on Europe

A list of blogs which have their primary focus on Europe-related topics. Please note this is not an exhaustive list. The focus has been to list blogs which are:

- Regularly updated
- Predominantly but not exclusively in English
- Offer substantive information and insight (as well as opinion)

Many of the blogs listed offer links to related blogs.

- [Blogs of European Commissioners](#) [+ European Commission Representations]
 - [Margot Wallström: Blog](#)
 - [Janez Potočnik: Blog](#)
 - [Mariann Fischer Boel: Blog](#)
 - [Vladimir Špidla: Blog](#)
 - [Stavros Dimas: Blog](#)
 - [Andris Piebalgs: Blog](#)

- [Richard Corbett, MEP: Blog](#)
- [Roger Helmer, MEP: Blog](#)
- [Pierre Moscovici, MEP: Blog](#) [in French]

- [Financial Times: Brussels Blog](#)
- [EuroIntelligence: Wolfgang Munchau: Blog](#)
- [Mark Mardell's Euroblog](#)
- [Jean Quatremer: Coullisses de Bruxelles](#) [Journalist from French newspaper Libération]
- [The Economist : Certain ideas of Europe](#)
- [Bruno Waterfield](#) (Daily Telegraph correspondent in Brussels)

- [Blogging about EU Law and Politics](#) [A blog about EU law and politics for those with balanced views] (Professor Jo Shaw)
- [EU Law Blog](#): This is a web log about European union law for students, academics, practitioners and anyone who may be interested in it]
- [Law of the EMU and Euro](#) [News, legislation and legal (scholarly) publications on the European Economic and Monetary Union]
- [ECJ Blog](#) [News and analysis about the European Court of Justice]

- [Analyzing EU](#)
- [BlogEuropa.eu](#)
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