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# Europe on the Internet

A selection of useful websites, databases and documents for information  
on the European Union and the wider Europe

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# Europe on the Internet



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In addition to textual hyperlinks throughout this guide, many of the images are also hyperlinks to further information.



# This guide is also available in other European languages...



[Европа в Интернет](#) [български]  
[Ewrop ar y We](#) [Cymraeg]  
[Europa im Internet](#) [Deutsch]  
[Europa en Internet](#) [Español]  
[l'Europe sur Internet](#) [Français]  
[Europa na Internetu](#) [Hrvatski]  
[l'Europa su Internet](#) [Italiano]  
[Európa az interneten](#) [Magyar]  
[Europa w Internecie](#) [Polski]  
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[Europa på Internet](#) [Svenska]

Other languages to follow... (forthcoming: Greek, Lithuanian, Catalan, Russian)



# Case studies to find information

- European Court of Justice - ECJ - Data privacy - Personal data - Data protection - Judgment in ECJ Case C-131/12 - **Google - Right to be forgotten** - Internet censorship - Google Spain SL, Google Inc. v Agencia Española de Protección de Datos - Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC
- **COM (2012) 360** : Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on **insurance mediation** (recast)



# Europe on the Internet



## Searching for EU Information

# Searching for European information



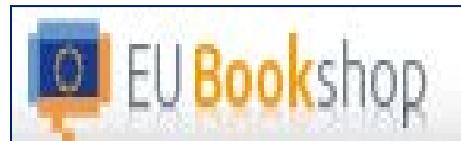
The EU's own search engine to find information from EU Institutions & Agencies published on EUROPA, the EU's portal  
[EUROPA Search does not find information in EUR-Lex]



The European Journalism Centre set up this Search Europa service, which uses the superior power of Google to search the EUROPA portal [Includes results from EUR-Lex]



ECLAS is a major bibliographic index to help you find EU publications, academic books, journal articles, etc, on topics of interest to the EU [Hyperlinks to full text if freely available]



You can search on EU Bookshop to buy printed copies or freely download electronic copies of EU publications  
[Not all older publications are available electronically.  
Does not include EU documents]



EUR-Lex is the official source of EU legislative information  
Search for EU documents  
New version launched in 2013



# Searching for European information



## REGISTER OF DOCUMENTS

The Registers of Documents from the [European Parliament](#), [Council of the European Union](#) and the [European Commission](#) + the [Comitology Register](#) can be used to find some 'unpublished' EU information not accessible via EUROPA

## Archive Repositories

Much older EU documentation is still not available electronically from the EU itself. Try these electronic repositories from external organisations as an alternative source of older material:

1. [ArchiDok](#)
2. [Archive of European Integration \(AEI\)](#)
3. [CVCE](#) (formerly European Navigator (ENA))

## Google

Google is obviously a further tool to use to find information from and about the EU and European information generally. However, do not assume that ALL such information can be found via Google.

NB: [Google Scholar](#) restricts search to more academic material

## ESO European Sources Online

Search ESO for EU documentation, websites, academic books & journal articles, stakeholder information, news sources etc.  
[Free access added value information service; Emphasis on English sources + a unique set of 100 Information guides to policies, institutions & countries]



# European Union Information



## Legislative and judicial information sources

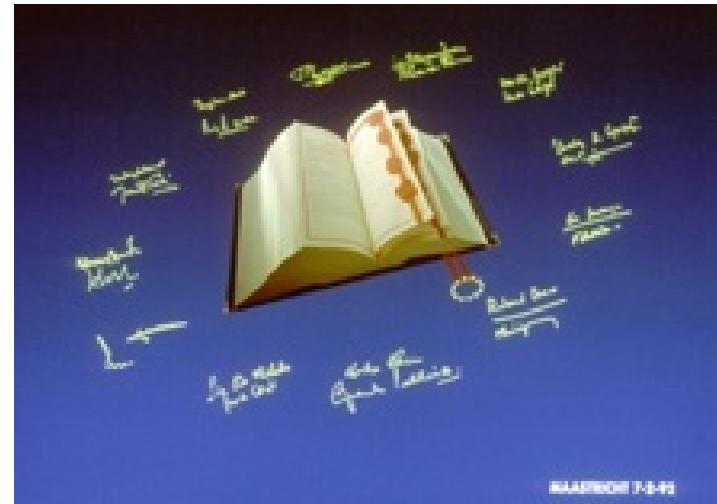


# The European Union

## Legislative acts



- **Legislative Acts**
  - Primary legislation
    - The Treaties
  - Secondary legislation
    - Regulations [European law]
    - Directives [European framework law]
- **Non-Legislative Acts**
  - European regulations
  - European decisions
  - Recommendations
  - Opinions



[Further information](#)



# The European Union

## Judicial decisions



- The Courts
  - European Court of Justice (C cases)
  - General Court [formerly ECFI] (T cases)
  - Civil Service Tribunal (F cases)
- Judicial acts
  - Judgments
  - Opinions
  - Orders



[Further information](#)



# Legislative information

## The new EUR-Lex



EUR-Lex  
Access to European Union law

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EU law and other public EU documents, authentic electronic Official Journal of the EU – in 24 languages.

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07/03/2014: OJ:JOL\_2014\_069\_R\_0099\_01: Commission Regulation (EU) No 219/2014 of 7 March 2014 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ...

07/03/2014: OJ:JOL\_2014\_069\_R\_0093\_01: Commission Regulation (EU) No 217/2014 of 7 March 2014 amending Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 as regards Salmonella in pig carcases Text with EEA rel ...

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**EUR-Lex is the official source of EU Legislative and Judicial Information**

**Use EUR-Lex to find: Adopted / Proposed legislative texts / ECJ judgments etc**

**EUR-Lex now includes: PreLex and Summaries of EU Legislation information**

**Gradually full text electronic versions of older legislative texts are being added to EUR-Lex**



# Legislative information



The new EUR-Lex –  
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EUROPA > EU law and publications > EUR-Lex > Search results > EUR-Lex - 52012PC0360 - EN

Home Official Journal EU law and related documents National law Legislative procedures More

Back to result list

Document 52012PC0360 >  Save to My items  Bookmark this item  Download notice

About this document Text Procedure Linked documents All

Options for displaying information  
['Procedure' comprises information formerly listed separately in PreLex]

Title and reference  
Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on insurance mediation (recast)  
/\* COM/2012/0360 final – 2012/0175 (COD) \*/

Languages and formats available

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# Legislative information

## Key sections of EUR-Lex



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Access to European Union law

- [Simple Search](#) / [Advanced Search](#)
- [Official Journal \[1952- \]](#)
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- [Legislation](#) [NB. [Consolidated Legislation](#)]
- [Preparatory Acts](#) [COM / [JOIN](#) / [SWD](#) / SEC documents]
- [Summaries of EU legislation](#) [not yet fully integrated]
- [Procedures](#) [the former PreLex]
- Directories of [Legislation](#) / [Proposed Legislation](#) /  
[Consolidated Legislation](#) / [Case Law](#) /  
[International Agreements](#)
- [A-Z of EUR-Lex](#) / [EUROVOC](#) / [Site-map](#) / [NIMs](#) / [N-Lex](#)

Also see: Citizens Summaries:  
Some Commission DGs issue Citizens  
Summaries of major legislative proposals  
[e.g. [DG SANCO](#) / [DG AGRI](#) / [DG RTD](#)]

[Consolidation](#) / [Codification](#) / [Recasting](#)  
[[More information](#)]

Authoritative versions: [OJ](#) / [Case-Law](#)

[European Legislation Identifier \[ELI\]](#)

[Making NIMs directly accessible  
in EUR-Lex](#)



# Judicial information

European Court of Justice: Case law



ECJ case law can be found via [EUR-Lex](#) or the ECJ website [CURIA](#)

Use these sources to find Judgments of the ECJ and also Opinions of the Advocate General

– CURIA:

- [Search page](#)
- [Numerical Access](#)
- [ECJ Press Releases](#)
- [Diary](#)

+ [Summaries of important ECJ judgments 2005-2011](#)

– EUR-Lex:

- [Search](#)
- [Browse](#)
- [Directory of Case Law \(2010-\)](#)

[European Case Law Identifier / ECLI](#)

+ DG Competition of the European Commission maintains a [database](#) of Competition cases



[European e-Justice Portal](#) offers information on the legal system and procedures in each EU Member State



# Access to EU Member States National Legislation and Case Law



Use EUR-Lex to find details of national legislation that implements EU law [NIMs] and national case law concerning EU law



Use N-Lex to find sources of national legislation in most EU Member States. For some countries you can search directly for national legislation



InterParliamentary EU information eXchange allows access to reports from national parliaments concerning EU legislative proposals and initiatives



COSAC is the Conference of the Committees of the National Parliaments of the European Union Member States



DEC.NAT – National Decisions is a database of the Association of the Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the European Union. This allows access to a collection of the case law of national courts concerning EU law



Find links to EU Member State national legislation & case law through e-Justice Portal



# European Union Information



## Policy Monitoring



# Policy-tracking: Monitoring EU legislative proposals and other initiatives



Complementary databases to help you follow the progress of EU legislative proposals and other initiatives and trace associated documents



Offers links to related pages in IPEX and PreLex [see [example](#)] and Summaries of key stages



Offers visual timeline + multiple hyperlinks to further key sources of information  
[PreLex information is now contained within the new EUR-Lex under the [Legislative procedures](#) section.  
[PreLex](#) as a standalone database is no longer updated]



# Policy-tracking: Registers of Documents



- Council of the European Union
- European Parliament
- European Commission
- Comitology Committees
  - [Old Register] / [List of Committees]
  - [Annual Reports]

Despite failings, the various EU Registers of Documents can help you find EU documents not accessible elsewhere, especially draft documents, working party / committee papers and latest versions of adopted legislation before its official publication



# Policy-tracking:

# Transparency portal



New Transparency portal launched in June 2012 brings together information to help citizens follow the EU policy making process more easily

- Access to legislation
- Your Voice in Europe – Consultations
- Impact assessment
- Register of Expert Groups
- Comitology (Advisory Groups)
- Transparency Register
- Access to documents (Registers of documents)
- Recipients of EU funds
- Ethics for staff
- Open Data Portal



# Policy-tracking: European Commission



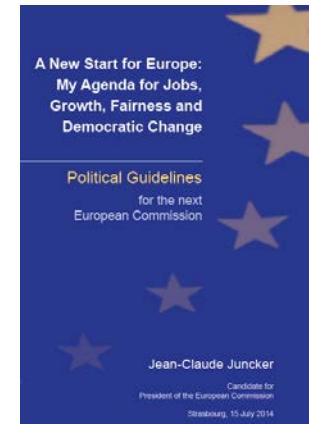


# Policy-tracking: European Commission



Use this website to follow the key activities of the European Commission

- State of the Union Speech given annually by European Commission President
  - Latest [SotU speech](#) given in September 2013
  - [Political Guidelines](#) for new European Commission President Juncker, July 2014
- Legislative and Work Programme [[2014](#) + earlier LWPs]
- Weekly Commission Meeting [[Agenda](#) & [Minutes](#)]
- Detailed day-by-day planning of Commission activities
  - [[Planned](#) and [Adopted](#)]
- [Websites](#) of Commission Directorates General & Services
- Management plans of DGs
  - [Annual Management Plans](#) / [Annual Activity Reports](#) / [Synthesis Report](#)



**Hearings** of Commissioners in the European Parliament. Next hearings in Autumn 2014



# PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE JUNCKER

## First Vice-President

**Frans Timmermans**  
Better Regulation,  
Inter-institutional Relations,  
Rule of Law & Charter of Fundamental  
Rights

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High Representative of the Union  
for Foreign Policy & Security  
Policy/Vice-President

## Vice-President

**Kristalina Georgieva**

Budget & Human Resources

## Vice-President

**Alenka Bratušek**

Energy Union

## Vice-President

**Jyrki Katainen**

Jobs, Growth, Investment  
& Competitiveness

## Vice-President

**Valdis Dombrovskis**

The Euro  
& Social Dialogue

## Vice-President

**Andrus Ansip**

Digital Single Market

### Commissioner

**Věra Jourová**

Justice, Consumers  
& Gender Equality

### Commissioner

**Günther Oettinger**

Digital Economy & Society

### Commissioner

**Pierre Moscovici**

Economic and Financial  
Affairs, Taxation and  
Customs

### Commissioner

**Marianne Thyssen**

Employment, Social Affairs,  
Skills & Labour Mobility

### Commissioner

**Corina Crețu**

Regional Policy

### Commissioner

**Johannes Hahn**

European Neighbourhood Policy  
& Enlargement Negotiations\*

### Commissioner

**Dimitris Avramopoulos**

Migration & Home Affairs

### Commissioner

**Vytenis Andriukaitis**

Health & Food Safety

### Commissioner

**Jonathan Hill**

Financial Stability,  
Financial Services &  
Capital Markets Union

### Commissioner

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Internal Market, Industry,  
Entrepreneurship & SMEs

### Commissioner

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### Commissioner

**Neven Mimica**

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& Development

### Commissioner

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### Commissioner

**Maroš Šefčovič**

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### Commissioner

**Cecilia Malmström**

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### Commissioner

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& Fisheries

### Commissioner

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& Citizenship

### Commissioner

**Carlos Moedas**

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& Innovation

### Commissioner

**Phil Hogan**

Agriculture  
& Rural Development

### Commissioner

**Christos Stylianides**

Humanitarian Aid  
& Crisis Management

\*The HRVP may ask this Commissioner (and other Commissioners) to deputise for her in areas related to Commission competence.



# Policy-tracking: The EU Budget



Financial Programming and Budget

European Commission > Financial Programming and Budget

Use this website to find information on the EU Budget

- [The Budget Explained](#)
- [Multiannual Financial Framework \[2007-13 / 2014-20\]](#)
- [Information on the 2014 Budget \[Summary of 2014 budget\]](#)
- [Information on the 2015 Budget \[Summary of 2015 budget\]](#)

Text of proposed & adopted  
EU Budget are also  
available on EUR-Lex

Budget *on line*

ECA carries out the  
audit of the EU's  
Finances  
[Reports](#)





# Policy-tracking: European Council



- [Homepage](#)
- [Homepage of the President of the European Council](#)
- [Press Releases](#)
  - [Strategic agenda for the Union in times of change](#) (Priorities for the EU 2014-19)



Donald Tusk appointed [European Council President](#)  
on 30 August 2014



# Policy-tracking: EU Presidency



- Trio Presidency Programmes
  - 18 month Programme of the Italian, Latvian and Luxembourg Presidencies, July 2014 – December 2015
    - [Trio concept / Trio of Presidencies]
- Presidency Programmes and Website
  - Italy: EU Presidency, July-December 2014
    - Work Programme: Europe, a fresh start
- Presidency Conclusions
  - Presidency Conclusions
  - Conclusions of all previous EU Presidencies, 1975-
    - Presidency Report on the implementation of EC conclusions [Latest: 20.06.14]
    - EPRS: European Council Conclusions: Rolling Check-List of Commitments [Latest: 20.06.14]

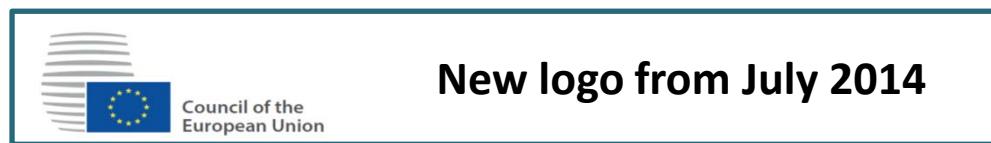




# Policy-tracking: Council of the European Union



- Council operates at two levels
  - Ministerial / National Officials meeting at Working Party level
- Ministerial
  - [Meetings of the Council at Ministerial level](#)
  - [Web-streaming of Council events and meetings](#)
  - [Agenda of future Council meetings](#)
- National Officials meeting at Working Party level
  - [List of Council preparatory bodies](#)
  - [Agendas](#)





## Policy-tracking:



# High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

- High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy



- European External Action Service (EEAS)



Federica Mogherini appointed new High Representative  
for 2014-2019 on 30 August 2014



# Policy-tracking:

# European Parliament



- Activities of the European Parliament
- Newsroom
- Debates
  - Watch current and previous debates
  - EP Live
  - EuroparlTV
- Minutes
- Texts adopted
- Committees



Find information on the European  
Parliament Elections, May 2014  
via ESO



## European Parliamentary Research Service

- Studies
- EPRI Briefings / EPRI Publications





# Policy-tracking: Citizens



 **Take part!**

Have your say! Join an online debate, take part in a public consultation or check out and comment on blogs and video clips.

 DEBATE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

**Consultation:** Consultation on tax problems faced by EU citizens when active across borders within the EU.  
Closing date for your views: 10.07.14



Citizens can play a part in EU policy making



# European Union Information



## Keeping up-to-date: EU sources

# Keeping up-to-date: EU sources: Web sources



## Newsroom

Latest news and media resources

The entry point for the European Commission's news and media services



The main database for EU Press Releases, Speeches & other news type sources  
[Midday Express](#) / [Top News](#) / [Latest](#)



Use this website to search for details of future and past events in all the EU Institutions



Find all EU RSS feeds  
[+ mailing lists / podcasts]

# Keeping up-to-date: EU sources: TV / Webstreaming / Videos

- EU: Newsroom: Audiovisual
- Europe by satellite (EbS)
- Europarl tv
- EP Live
- Council Live
- TV Newsroom
- European Central Bank

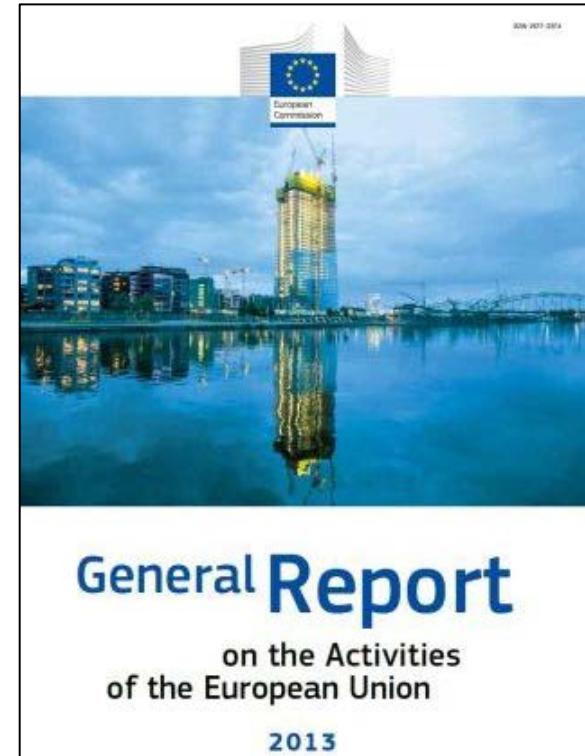




# Keeping up-to-date: EU sources: For the Citizen



- General Report on the Activities of the European Union
- EUROPA: Entry point for EU information on the web





# Keeping up-to-date: EU sources: Europe Media Monitor



**Europe Media Monitor**  


Research and development efforts at the **Joint Research Centre** produced novel and unique software that gathers reports from news portals world-wide in 43 languages, classifies the articles, analyses the news texts by extracting information from them, aggregates the information, issues alerts and produces intuitive visual presentations of the information found.

**15:45 - Saturday, 29 August 2009**

**NewsBrief** **NewsExplorer** **MedISys** **EMM-Labs**

  
Breaking News and Live News of the Last Few Minutes and Hours  
News classified according to subjects  
[click here for more](#)

  
Daily News Summary  
Analysis Across Languages and Over Time  
Information About People and Organisations  
[click here for more](#)

  
Real-Time News Analysis for Medical and Health-Related Topics  
Early Warning Alerts per Category and Country  
[click here for more](#)

  
Adding Value to News through Graphical Analysis  
Social Networks, Trends  
Latest Research Developments  
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**User-driven Multilingual News Gathering and Aggregation**

The European Commission's **Joint Research Centre** (JRC) has developed a number of news aggregation and analysis systems to support EU institutions and Member State organisations. The three **Web Portals** **NewsBrief**, **NewsExplorer** and **MedISys** are publicly accessible and attract up to 1.2 Million hits per day. The system was initially developed as an in-house application for the European Commission's Directorate General Communication (DG COMM) to replace their tedious and expensive manual media monitoring and press cutting services. Since then, EMM has become a crucial instrument in the daily work of almost all Commission services and many other public organisations. EMM is the news gathering engine behind a number of applications. EMM monitors the live web, i.e. the part of the web that has ever changing content, such as news sites, discussion sites and publications. All applications are developed, maintained and run by the JRC.

Europe Media Monitor (EMM) is a news aggregation and analysis system to support EU institutions and Member State organisations. The three Web Portals **NewsBrief**, **NewsExplorer** and **MedISys** are publicly accessible



# European Union Information



## Keeping up-to-date: Non-EU sources

# Keeping up-to-date: Non-Official Sources



- Web-based news sources

- [EUObserver](#)
- [EurActiv](#)
- [The Parliament Magazine](#)
- [EUBusiness](#)



- Newspapers / Newsletters

- [European newspapers](#)
- [European Voice](#)
- [EuroTopics](#)
- [Vox Europ](#)
- [EUFeeds](#)
- [Agence Europe](#)
- [Europolitics](#)



Most newspapers / newsletters listed here are available in both paper and electronic formats





# Keeping up-to-date: Non-Official Sources



- European broadcasters
  - Members of the European Broadcasting Union
  - Euronews
  - European News from: BBC / DW / France24 etc
  - Euranet [European radio network reduced in coverage from 2013 after withdrawal of EU financial support]
  - EurActiv
  - viEUws



# Keeping up-to-date: Selection of news sources



**euobserver.com**

**The Local**  
EUROPE'S NEWS IN ENGLISH

**EuropeanVoice**

**EurActiv**.com

**KATHIMERINI**  
English Edition

**FT .com**  
FINANCIAL TIMES

**RIANOVOSTI**

**BBC**

**CORRIERE DELLA SERA**

**SPIEGEL ONLINE INTERNATIONAL**

**DutchNews.nl**

**POLSKIE RADIO DLA ZAGRANICY**

**DEUTSCHE WELLE**  
DW

**POLITIKEN.DK**

**EL PAÍS.COM**

**FRANCE 24**

**EMM NewsBrief**  
Europe Media Monitor

NEWS FROM FINLAND  
**HELSINKI TIMES**

**IRISHTIMES.COM**

**swissinfo.ch**



All these sources offer European news in English





# Keeping up-to-date: Social media



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European Union [europa.eu](http://europa.eu)

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**European Commission on Social Media**

The Commission is present on several social media platforms. You can keep track of the latest policy developments and what the [European Commission](#) and its [Spokespersons](#), the [President](#), [Commissioners](#) and [Representations](#) are doing.

**Latest tweets**

**Commissioners' tweets:**

Neelie Kroes  
@NeelieKroesEU  
If you're angry at idea that #Uber is banned from serving a city - send your message to @BGroewels - the Minister who supports it #Brussels  
38m

**Spokespersons' tweets:**

Ryan Heath  
@RyanHeathEU  
Here is my image supporting @Uber\_BXL #Uber We want you. #UberIsWelcome are you listening @BGrouwels ?  
[pic.twitter.com/X5qHu9Vago](http://pic.twitter.com/X5qHu9Vago)  
45m

**Representations' tweets:**

EC Rep Ireland  
@eurireland  
#EU Parliament adopts Directive improving the protection of supplementary pension rights for mobile workers:  
[bit.ly/1t5v8wd](http://bit.ly/1t5v8wd)  
17m

**Parliament on social media**

The European Parliament is the people's assembly. In keeping with this, we try not just to attract readers to our website, but to be where the people are. And people are on social media. In case you haven't found all the platforms we are active on, here's a useful guide to the European Parliament on the web.

**Newshub**  
Gathering all MEP, political group and institutional social media feeds on one easy-to-navigate platform, your feed easily customised by language, country, party, or even popular topics.

**Facebook**  
The flagship of EP social media presence: chats with Members, twice-daily updates on EU affairs, an MEP tab to find any and all Members active on social media, plus a tab for our national information offices - for news in your language.



# Keeping up-to-date: Social media: Blogs



Blog Aggregators bring together a selection of Europe focused blogs

A sample of blogs offering a range of insights on Europe



Look out for [HashTag Europe](#) [working title]  
[BloggingPortal.eu2]



# Keeping up-to-date: Social media: Twitter



Many EU Institutions, officials, MEPs, Stakeholders and news sources are using Twitter – although some question its value

Tweet Aggregators: attempts to bring together EU tweets



Connect with EU on social networks



Who are the key players in the EU-twittersphere?  
TweetLevel evaluates tweets





# Keeping up-to-date: Social media: Facebook



Facebook is also being used by the  
European Union Institutions  
(and by other European stakeholders)

facebook

facebook

Connect with EU on social networks





# Keeping up-to-date: Social media: Flickr



Flickr is also being used by the European Union Institutions  
(and by other European stakeholders)



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European Parliament > Collections > European Elections 2009

First Day at the EP

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This set is a reportage on the new members arriving to the European Parliament in Brussels. Every week we will publish a series of two new members from different political faith.



Connect with EU on social networks



# Information on European Union Policies and Countries



- [EUROPA: European Union: Policies](#)
- [European Parliament: Factsheets](#)
- [European Commission: Directorates-General](#)
- [European Years \[2015: European Year of Development\]](#)
- [A-Z Index of European Union websites](#)
- [Your Europe – Citizens](#)
- [Your Europe - Business](#)
- [ESO: Information guides](#)



Activities of the European Union  
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# Information on European Statistics



Eurostat Statistics are available electronically and free of charge:

[Statistics A-Z](#)

[Statistics by theme](#)

[Browse / Search databases](#)

[Latest statistics issued](#)

To use enhanced functionalities on the Eurostat website you are recommended to [register](#)



Some statistics are also published in printed and pdf formats but this is decreasing.

[Current programme](#)



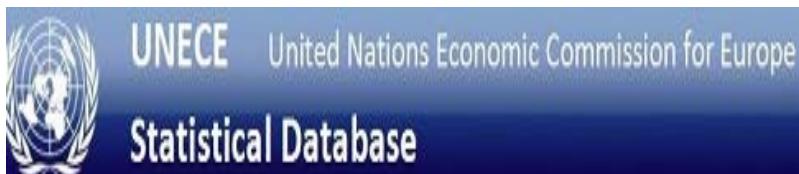
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Additional sources of European statistics can be found from the following organisations and sources



ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT  **OECD.** *Stat Extracts*  
Complete databases available via SourceOECD, OECD's **iLibrary**



**ESO Information Guide:**  
European Statistical Data



# Information on EU grants and loans



## Grants of the European Union

**ESO** European Sources Online

ESO Information Guide  
Funding

Access to finance

Website for businesses and entrepreneurs  
to access EU funds



**Beginners' Guide  
to EU Funding**

Overview of the financial rules and  
funding opportunities  
2007–13  
2012 Edition

# Information on beneficiaries of EU grants and loans



A-Z Index | Sitemap | About this site | FAQ | What's New | Legal notice | Contact | Search | English (en)

European Commission > Financial Programming and Budget > Financial Transparency System (FTS)

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY SYSTEM

European Commission logo

Year 2012 | Any Country | Search for a beneficiary (name or VAT) | Search

Responsible Department: All | Action Type: All | Amount: = | € | display more options

Map of Europe showing beneficiary locations.

European Commission logo

European Commission > Agriculture and Rural Development > CAP funding > Beneficiaries > Shared management

## AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

CAP funding

IN THIS CHAPTER

- Introduction
- Funding opportunities
- Budget
- Financial reports

**Beneficiaries of CAP payments (shared management)**

The European Commission maintains this webpage to facilitate public access to information on beneficiaries of CAP payments (shared management) which are published on Member State websites.

Beneficiaries of European Union Cohesion Policy

National level | Cross-border co-operation | Transnational co-operation

All direct beneficiaries of European Cohesion policy have to be published by the Managing Authorities under the rules governing implementation of the funds 2007-2013 (EEI No 1828/2006). The information must contain the name of the beneficiary, the nature of the operations and the amount of public funding allocated to the operations. This map provides direct links to the lists of beneficiaries of the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund available on the respective websites in the Member States. Please note that the information below is "Work in Progress" and subject to ongoing updates based on information that the Commission receives from the Member States. For further information, please contact [regio-infopub@ec.europa.eu](mailto:regio-infopub@ec.europa.eu).

For beneficiaries of regional programmes : click on the map.

Select a country: Europe | OK

Beneficiaries of Interregional Co-operation and Networking Programmes:

- ESPON
- INTERACT II
- INTERREG IV C

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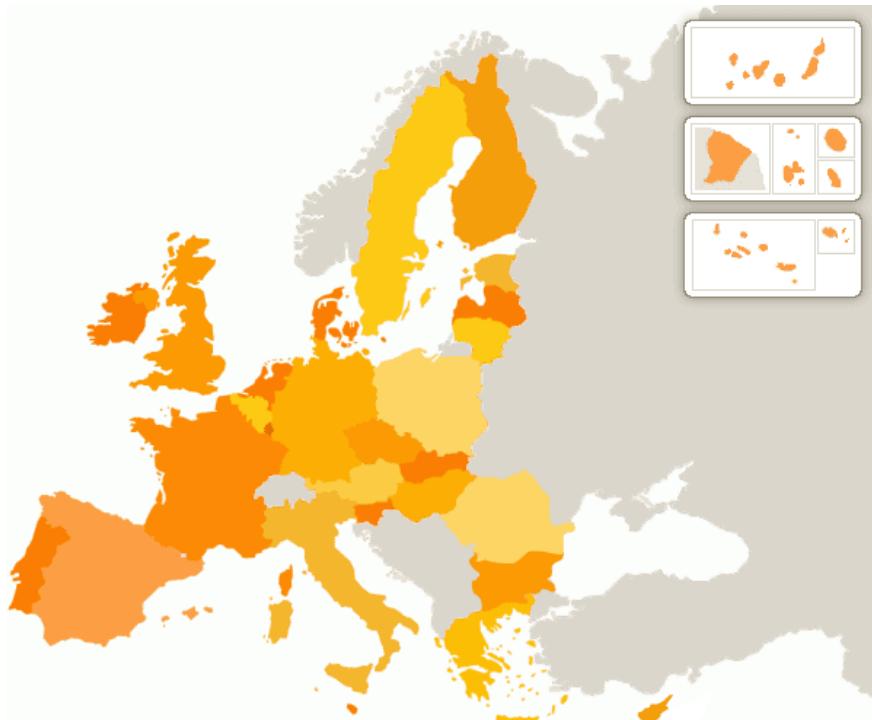
- EU Institutions
- EU Agencies
- Contact the European Union
- EU: WhoisWho
- Note: The *Commission Directory* was withdrawn from June 2014 and users are directed to *EU WhoisWho*





# Contacting the EU

- Contact MEPs



Contact details for MEPs for the period  
2014-2019 will be added during summer / autumn 2014



# Contacting the EU

- Information sources:  
Whom to contact



- Europe Direct

Europe Direct Information Centres (EDICs)  
European Documentation Centres (EDCs)  
Contact Centre, Brussels



- The EU in your country

EDICs, EDCs and Team Europe members in your country  
[Representations](#) / [EP Offices](#) / [Enterprise Europe Network](#) in your country





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Transparency Register



*Register of Expert Groups*

**OpenInterests.eu**

**Find details of organisations that seek to influence ('lobby') the EU**

Currently, the Register is a voluntary requirement. Transparency Register was new in 2011 and combined the functions of the old European Commission Register of Interest Representatives and European Parliament Register of Lobbyists

Details of the people / representatives appointed to Expert Groups to advise the European Commission

Search the two registers above + TED & Financial Transparency System in one search



# Terminological information



- Aids for translators



- IATE: InterActive Terminology for Europe



- Glossary of terms



- Acronyms and abbreviations



- Google Translate



- Patent Translate





# Think Tanks

**There are many think tanks discussing issues relating to the EU and Wider Europe – find out from these links...**

General Secretariat of the Council  
Central Library

**THINK TANK REVIEW**



[Panorama des think tanks](#)



**TTCSPI**

The Library of the Council of the European Union issues a monthly review summarising new think tank reports with hyperlinks to the full text

The Permanent Representation of France to the EU issues a review twice a year summarising new think tank reports with hyperlinks to the full text (main text is in French)

EPIN comprises 38 renowned think tanks and policy institutes working on EU affairs from 27 European countries

ThinkBank is an online database of recent articles published by US and EU based think tanks. You can search for EU material

Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) at the University of Pennsylvania issues an annual list of Think Tanks in the world, including in Europe

You can find many reports and other publications of think tanks through ESO, AEI and ERPA

**ESO**

European Sources Online



**ERPA**



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