



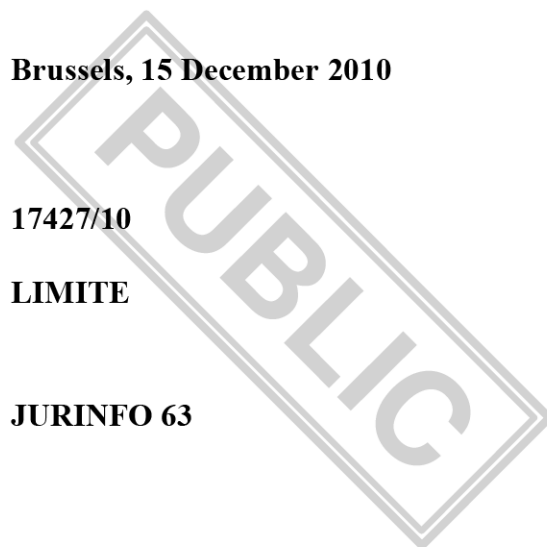
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**1. Context – The transformation program of the Publications Office**

The aim of the transformation program is to move from the current dissemination approach with information silos per domain (legal resources, general resources, public procurement resources and scientific resources) to an approach consisting of common layers. This approach will result in a common content and metadata layer, the so-called CELLAR, a common index and search layer and a common portal.

The common content and metadata layer or CELLAR will contain all content and metadata currently contained in the different production and diffusion systems like (ProCat, Prelex, EUR-Lex, EU-Bookshop, etc.).

In order to integrate the documentary content of the EUR-Lex database into the CELLAR, the current EUR-Lex website has to undergo changes in order to become the New EUR-Lex. In line with the transformation program, the new EUR-Lex will aim at facilitating access to EU Law. In this respect, the new EUR-Lex will both undergo technical changes and offer new functionalities to the end user.

## **2. Functionalities of the new EUR-Lex**

The new EUR-Lex will offer the following options:

- Adjust the search to the needs of the end user (google like quick search, advanced and expert search)
- See the "life cycle" of an act (the different steps leading to the adoption of an act, its possible consolidation, access to information via the integration of Trans-JAI and PreLex)
- Browse newly published documents (Official Journal, case Law, COM and SEC documents, latest consolidations) or be notified of such publications
- Browse by domain (in the Official Journal, national Law, legislative procedures)
- Read text and metadata
- Search not only the content of the EUR-Lex database but also all the content displayed by the Publications Office in the framework of the unique portal
- Set up profiles with preferences notably in terms of display or file saving.

## **3. State of play of the project**

For now, the project is in the phase of development of the first iteration. A prototype should be released by mid February 2011.

Two versions of the final system should be released afterwards:

A first version of the new system should be released by April 2011 and a second version by June 2011. Tests will be carried out during the second half of 2011. The new EUR-Lex will be launched on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2012. There will be a parallel running of the new and the current EUR-Lex for a period lasting up to 6 months.