



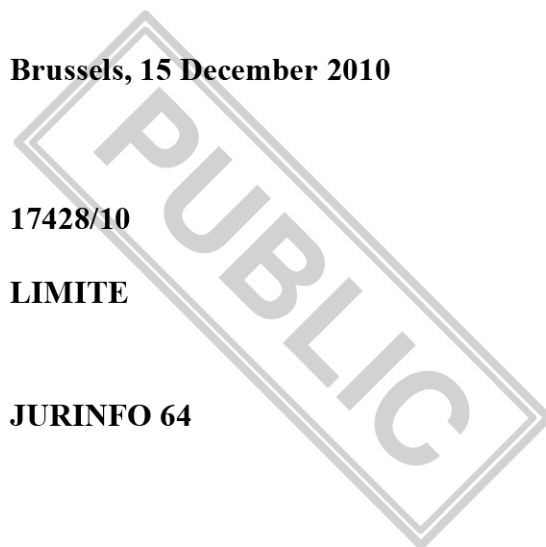
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**1. Enhancement of the documentary repository**

**a) European Court Reports**

The production of electronic files of the European Court Reports in PDF and XML formats is ongoing. PDFs are loaded as and when the Publications Office carries out the relevant validations. By the end of November, pdf files of case documents (opinions of Advocate generals and judgments) of about 2000 volumes had been loaded into EUR-Lex.

**b) Communications from the Court of Justice**

Since October 2009, communications from the Court of Justice have been thoroughly analyzed (and may include the setting up of links towards the relevant legislative acts). All communications published as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2008 have also been analysed. Besides, all communications published before the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2008 and relating to pending cases are also being analysed.

### **c) Complete collection of Ojs in pdf format**

The online versions of the Official Journals published as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1998 are available in pdf format. A project aiming at offering the complete collection of Ojs in pdf format is ongoing. For now, about 3,5 million pages (out of a total of 8 million) and 80 000 editions of the Official Journal have been processed (out of a total of about 160 000 editions, all languages taken together) and should be available during the first quarter of 2011.

## **2. Browsing**

### **a) New directories**

Work has been carried out in order to produce a directory displaying only the last version of consolidated texts. The idea is to follow the model of the directory of legislation in force. A test version has been approved by the legal services of the Parliament, of the Council and of the Commission. The production chain is ready. It remains to be seen whether the data to be loaded calls for an update. In the beginning of 2011, this new feature should be available on EUR-Lex.

### **b) Access to the certified version of the Official Journal**

The display of the electronic signature on EUR-Lex has been successfully tested.

The website (Check-Lex) dedicated to checking the electronic signature is now available and the translations are currently being integrated. The portal which will enable the loading and display of certified versions is to be operative by the first quarter of 2011.

## **3. Miscellaneous**

### **a) How to build a CELEX number**

A list indicating various possible combinations of data forming CELEX numbers was displayed online last June. The Publications Office is working on a more complete document for experts which should be published in the first quarter of 2011.

## **b) Contract for the documentary analysis**

A new contract started in July 2010 with a new contractor. This contract is also currently used by the Parliament for analysing their documents.

## **c) Ad hoc projects**

The Publications Office has asked one of its contractors to start working on three ad hoc projects. The kick off meeting of these projects was held on December, the 10<sup>th</sup> of 2010. The projects are the following:

- A quality control of the metadata for PreLex,
- A definition of the methodology to be used for several European Parliament documents;
- A quality assessment of Trans-JAI metadata.

## **d) "Broken links"**

With a view to providing for the full coverage of available documents, the Publications Office has launched an operation in order to check the availability of **all** texts in HTML and/or PDF formats. After checking and correcting a significant amount of "broken links", the backlog will have to be dealt with prior to the migration of the data towards the future CELLAR. About 30 000 links have been corrected since the beginning of the year and 250 000 are still to be corrected. The broken links are mostly to be found among documents in html format out of a total of over 3 million of available documents in the database (in html or pdf format).