

Status
PSI Directive
eContent+ programme

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Unit E4

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Introduction

/// PSI directive

- Background and transposition

/// eContent+

- Background, instruments and procedures

Relevance to the GI community



The PSI directive

Background

- /// PSI is a prime content resource
- /// **Barriers** at European level
- /// Comparison with the US
- /// In Europe some countries move ahead, others do not



The barriers

- Lack of clear rules and policies
- Mindset public sector bodies
- Unfair competition
- Lack of transparency
- High charges

Difficulties to make European products



The Directive

(2003/98/EC)

- Minimum harmonisation to facilitate cross-border use
- Transparency of conditions
- Avoid abuse of market power
- Non-discrimination
- Clear procedures
- Lists of assets, online licenses



Expected Results

- Transparency, fair competition, downward effect on charges
- First time legislation in some EU-countries
- Speed up developments in others
- Change of culture in public sector

Increased re-use



Support to MS through:

- PSI Group (Last meeting 11 March)
- Help desk
- Bilateral meetings
- PSI Website
- Add hoc assistance



Status Transposition

- Progress in all Member States
- Commission received a number of notifications
- Some countries can be expected to incur delays

http://europa.eu.int/information_society/policy/psi/implementation/index_en.htm



eContent programme

- 109 projects (66 still running)
- Showcase projects on PSI re-use (EULIS, Euroglobalmap, Euroregimap)
- Showcase projects multilingual/multicultural applications (ePatent)

Mid-term evaluation: The benefits of the programme are significant in comparison with the level of resources allocated to it.



The eContent+ programme

- ≡ Overall aim is to facilitate access to and use of European digital content
- ≡ Contribute to better conditions for accessing, using, reusing and exploiting digital material
- ≡ Tackling areas of public interest
 - ≡ cultural, educational, scientific, geographical information
- ≡ Focusing on content quality rather than quantity

Budget 149 million 2005 - 2008



eContent+ and GI

- ≡ **Help overcome barriers to the use of geographic information held by the public sector**
- ≡ **Stimulate the aggregation of existing national datasets into cross border datasets**
- ≡ **Support best practices to enhance geographic content with well defined metadata at all levels**



Draft Work program in progress

- **Action 1: Facilitating at Community level access to digital content, its use and exploitation**
- **Objective: Arrive at cross-border, interoperable and seamless geographic datasets**
- **Key words: Sizable, build on existing datasets, multilingual aspects, use of open standards, involve relevant stakeholder, Synergy with other Community initiatives**



Draft work program in progress

- **Action 2: Facilitating improvement of quality and enhancing best practice**
- **Objective: Improve quality of geographical information at regional and local level by the consistent use of well defined metadata**
- **Best practices and Thematic Networks**



eContent + – status

- ≡ **Decision of the European Parliament and the Council 9 March**
- ≡ **Publication in the Official Journal 24 March**
- ≡ **Work programme under preparation**
 - ≡ **Consultation meeting 6/4.**
 - ≡ **Information day 15/6**
- ≡ **When to apply. First call: (June?)**
- ≡ **Deadline October?**



More information

http://europa.eu.int/information_society/policy/psi/



- Learning with PSI
- History
- Brochure
- Useful Info
- Contacts
- Library
- Links
- Call for tender
- Re-use

Transposition status

The status reports were prepared by the member states in view of the PSI group meeting of the 1th of October 2004 ([download minutes](#) 40 KB) held in Luxembourg or based on information provided in this meeting.

This table will be updated regularly.

EU Countries			
Country	Contact	Organisation	Status
Austria	M. Fagerer	Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Arbeit	See status
Belgium	D. de Vos	Agence pour la simplification administrative	See status
Cyprus			
Czech Republic	D. Kotris	Legislation department Ministry of Informatics	See status
Denmark	S. A. Mortensen	Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation	See status
Estonia	K. Rits	Head of Internal Coordination and International Cooperation Division	
Finland	J. Korhonen	Min. of Finance	
France	W. Boutanos	Agence pour le développement de l'Administration Electronique (ADAE) - Service du Premier Ministre	See status
Germany	S. Altmeyen	Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour (BMWA)	See status
Greece	M. Karachalios	Min. of the Interior	
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Ireland	J.Thompson	CMOD, Department of Finance	See status
Italy	E. de Giovanni	Ministry for Innovation and Technologies	See status
Latvia	Z. Vanaga	Information - Society Bureau - E. Govt, State Chancellery	
Lithuania	K. Andrijauskas	Information Society Development Committee under Government	See status
Luxembourg	L. Feller	Ministère d'Etat	See status
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Slovenia	K. Ticar	Ministry of Information Society	See status
Spain	A.M. Conde	Ministry of Culture	
Sweden	M. Helander	Ministry of Finance, Public Management Department	See status
U. Kingdom	A. Brazier	Department of Trade & Industry	See status
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