

In touch with EU



News from the Association

Moodle course news

We've started adding material on 'Finding out about EU legislation' to our Moodle site.

Under the heading 'Course 4', the new additions currently comprise sections on the main types of EU legislation and how to find legislation.

Information on using the institutions Registers, finding legislation via Commission DG websites and using Summaries of EU legislation will be added in the coming weeks.

The Moodle site can be accessed via the Members area of our [main website](#).

Discount - Online Information 2011



EIA members can receive a 25% early bird discount on places at the Online Information 2011 conference, if booked by 4 November and a 15% discount if booked after that.

Training courses

In recent years, we've generally found it difficult to attract sufficient numbers to our training courses to make them viable. A number of courses have had to be cancelled, due to lack of interest. Each time we cancel, we incur a cancellation charge - usually some hundreds of pounds.

Our latest course, on case law, had just five delegates. There was much praise for the course content and the helpful, approachable trainers from the five people who attended. However, despite the quality of the course, it lost money.

The Association's Committee has decided that we cannot continue to run courses at a loss. We will therefore not be arranging any public courses in the immediate future - although we're always happy to consider requests for in-house training.

Feedback

Please send comments etc to eric@eia.org.uk.

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It's official:

EU documents , publications and sources

Public procurement

The 187-page Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 842/2011 establishes standard forms for the publication of public procurement notices and repeals Regulation (EC) 1564/2005.

See: [Regulation text](#)

Immigration

Statistics in Focus 43/2011 looks at residence permits issued in the EU and EFTA countries in 2009. 2.3 million permits were granted that year, with people from Indian, the US, China and Morocco accounting for almost 30% of them.

See: [Statistics in Focus 43/2011](#)

EU and UN

The Council has issued a two-page background note on relations between the European Union and the United Nations.

See: [Note text](#)

Higher education

'Modernisation of Higher Education in Europe: Funding and the Social Dimension 2011' is a 120-page Eurydice report which looks at national policies on access to higher education, funding and student support. Covering EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey, the report will feed into a new EU strategy for modernising higher education, to be launched by the Commission on 20 September.

See: Press Release [IP/11/1037](#)

Music copyright

The Council has adopted a Directive amending Directive 2006/116/EC 'on the term of protection of copyright and certain related rights'. The main change will extend the term of protection of the rights of performers and phonogram producers on music recordings within the EU from 50 to 70 years. The term of protection will expire 70 years after the death of the author of the lyrics or the composer of the music - whoever is last to die.

See: Press Release [13972/11](#)

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The Communication 'The Sixth Community Environment Action Programme: Final assessment' (COM(2011) 531) is based on a report produced in February 2011 by the Ecologic Institute, Institute for European Environmental Policy, and Central European University, Budapest. It highlights the extension of the Natura 2000 network, the introduction of a comprehensive chemicals policy, and action on climate change as major accomplishments in the Union's environment policy over the last 10 years.

See: [Communication text](#)

Judicial training

In the Communication 'Building trust in EU-wide justice: a new dimension to European judicial training' (COM(2011) 551) the Commission sets out measures to change the way European judicial training is organised and envisages that a range of actions will lead to over 700,000 legal practitioners participating in at least one European judicial training session or exchange by 2020.

See: [Communication text](#)

Focus on ...

National case-law

EUR-Lex users can now search for references to national cases concerning EU law from the EU Member States, Canada, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland - and from the EFTA Court and the European Court of Human Rights.

Details of the new 'national case-law' search option were announced in September's [EUR-Lex Newsletter](#).

The 'National case-law' option is listed on the [Simple search](#) page of EUR-Lex.

Clicking the link opens a [national case law](#) search page.

Defaults are set to search 'All national courts' and to 'No further options'. At the time of writing, those defaults produced 21,364 hits. A 'Refine' option offers additional search criteria - which can also be selected from the main case law search page:

- Search terms
- Date or time span
- Instruments cited
- References for preliminary ruling
- Subject matter

For example, opting for 'UK' and 'Subject matter' displays 77 headings, showing the number of cases relating to each (some have only one; 'Social provisions' has 279).

This is not a full-text service, so results are limited to basic details and - in some instances - a summary of the case. Titles are available only in the original language of the judgment; bibliographic information is provided in all EU official languages; keywords are in English or French.

This site is a part of 

 **EUR-Lex** Access to European Union law

EUROPA > EUR-Lex Home > Simple search > National case law

Search in national case law

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Snippets:

News and views from non-EU sources

Notre Europe

From: [Statement by the Council for the Future of Europe](#)

There is no greater task for forward-looking European leadership than honestly engaging the doubts and anxieties of European citizens who feel disconnected and alienated from the abstract processes in Brussels. The vision of Europe that will succeed is that which inspires the commitment of its citizens whose faith in a European future is shaken.

Euobserver

From: [US lawmakers shun EU model on data privacy](#)

Republican congresswoman Mary Bono Mack said EU online privacy laws have "sporadic and inconsistent enforcement, with a seemingly disproportionate number of American companies targeted for compliance violations."

"EU directives at some point crossed paths with Murphy's law. Anything that can possibly go wrong, does," she said.

European Policy Centre

From: [The rise of anti-EU populism: why, and what to do about it](#)

This Policy Brief [...] tracks the growth of anti-EU populism over the last decade, describing how populist leaders have successfully plugged into citizens' concerns about the future, their fears of economic decline, financial insolvency and rising immigration. [...] The author suggests a number of measures to fight anti-EU populism, including dispelling anti-Europe myths, highlighting inconsistencies in the pop-

ulist narrative, emphasising EU politicians' and officials' political legitimacy, and acknowledging problems for what they are as a precondition for articulating adequate solutions publicly.

European Voice

From: [Commission unveils Schengen plans](#)

The European Commission today (16 September) adopted a proposal that would give it a stronger role in deciding whether members of the Schengen area of borderless travel can reimpose border checks in emergencies. Several member states, including France and Germany, have already voiced their opposition to the proposal.

EUbusiness

From: [Turkey threatens ties freeze if Cyprus takes EU helm](#)

Turkey will freeze its relations with the EU if Cyprus takes the union's rotating presidency next year before a solution is reached on the divided island ...

EurActiv

From: [EU funding for sports 'must increase': Report](#)

Annual funding for the EU's sports policy must increase dramatically if it is to be fully effective, an independent evaluation has concluded. But the European Commission will not decide how much money to allocate to its future sports programme until the autumn.

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