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Revision of the PSI Directive

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The review of the Directive is one of the key actions of the "Digital Agenda for Europe" [1].

In December 2011, the Commission presented a proposal to revise the Directive [2].

The proposal for a revision of the Directive proposed to further open up the market for services based on public-sector information, by:

- including new bodies in the scope of application of the Directive such as libraries (including university libraries), museums and archives;
- limiting the fees that can be charged by the public authorities at the marginal costs as a rule;
- introducing independent oversight over re-use rules in the Member States;
- making machine-readable formats for information held by public authorities the norm.

Please see here [3] for more details on the proposal to revise the Directive.

For more documents in relation to the legislative procedure, please click here [4].

For a detailed overview of the activity of the European Parliament in the legislative procedure, please click here [5].

Background

In preparation for the proposed revision of the 2003 Directive, the Commission in 2009 presented a first review [6] of the way in which PSI rules were being applied. The review confirmed that PSI re-use has been on the rise but also that EU Member States must remove remaining barriers to re-use in order to fully realise the potential of PSI for the EU economy.

In 2010 the Commission undertook a public consultation on the PSI Directive:

- Questionnaire [7]
- Selected statistics [8]

- Responses [9]
- Individual responses submitted off-line: EuroGeographics [10], Wirtschaftskammer Österreich (Austrian Economic Chambers) [11], Microsoft [12], EFAMRO and ESOMAR [13], STM [14], ISPA [15], ARD/ZDF [16]
- Position papers submitted by Member States: Denmark [17], France [18], Belgium [19], Netherlands [20]

In preparation for the revision of the Directive, the Commission commissioned the following studies:

- A review [21]of recent studies on PSI re-use and related market developments, by Graham Vickery
- An "Assessment of the different models of supply and charging for public sector information" Executive Summary [22], Models of Supply and Charging for Public Sector Information [23], Apps market snapshot [24], Open Data Portals [25]
- A study on PSI-re-use in the cultural sector. [26]

The Commission also assessed the expected impacts of the proposed revision of the Directive:

- Impact Assessment - Executive summary [27]
- Impact Assessment - Full report [28]
- Opinion of the Impact Assessment Board [29]

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- Action 3: Open up public data resources for re-use [32]

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