

Digital Single Market

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]
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