

Digital Single Market

Consultation 29 August 2013 to 22 November 2013

Consultation on guidelines on recommended standard licences, datasets and charging for the re-use of public sector information

Quote box:

Policy field : Information technology

Target group(s):

All citizens and organisations are welcome to contribute to this consultation.

Contributions are particularly sought from re-users of public sector information (entrepreneurs, individuals), public sector bodies, data re-use experts.

Period of consultation:

The consultation lasted 12 weeks, from 30/08/2013 until 22/11/2013.

Objective of the consultation

The [revision of the PSI Directive](#) [1] is one of the key actions of the [Digital Agenda for Europe](#) [2]. Governments can stimulate content markets by making public sector information available on transparent, effective and non-discriminatory terms. As demonstrated by a number of studies analysing the sector (e.g. the [2008 Cambridge Study](#) [3] or the [2011 review by G. Vickery](#) [4]), public data is an important source of growth of innovative online services.

The reuse of public information resources has been partly harmonised by the [PSI Directive adopted in 2003](#) [5] which has recently been [revised](#) [6] in order to address the remaining barriers to reuse. Indeed, difficulties and uncertainties surrounding compliance with the licensing and charging provisions were identified as one of the main obstacles to PSI reuse as they curb both the release of data by public bodies and the actual reuse.

The [revised Directive](#) [7] calls on the European Commission to assist the Member States in implementing the Directive in a consistent way by issuing guidelines on

- recommended standard licenses,
- datasets to be released/improved as a matter of priority and
- charging for the reuse of documents.

The objective of the consultation is therefore to seek the views of stakeholders on specific issues to be addressed in the 3 sets of guidelines.

Public hearing

A public hearing on the planned guidelines was held in on **25 November 2013** at the Euroforum building in 10, rue Stumper, 2557 Luxembourg. Please click [here](#) [8] for more information.

Results of the consultation and next steps

A summary report of the results of the consultation can be found [here](#) [9].

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