



# Webinar on European Legislative Search Tools and Judicial Portals

EUR-Lex, CURIA, HUDOC, ECtHR  
Knowledge Sharing Website

Online, 12 June 2024



EXCELLENCE IN  
**EUROPEAN LAW**<sup>1</sup>

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## Key topics

- Common European digital search tools that enhance cross-border cooperation and mutual trust
- EU (EUR-Lex), Court of Justice of the European Union (CURIA) and European Court of Human Rights (HUDOC and Knowledge Sharing website) legislative search tools and judicial portals

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# European Legislative Search Tools and Judicial Portals

## Wednesday, 12 June 2024

- 12:40 Connecting to the videoconference platform
- 13:00 **Opening of the webinar**  
*Ramin Farinpour*
- 13:05 **HUDOC: the European Court of Human Rights' online case law database and ECHR-KS: the Court's Knowledge Sharing platform**  
*Vanessa Aeby*
- 13:45 Discussion
- 14:00 Break
- 14:15 **EUR-Lex: the official website of European Union law and other public documents of the European Union**  
*Tobias Lock*
- 15:00 Discussion
- 15:15 Break
- 15:30 **CURIA: the online case law database of the Court of Justice of the European Union and the General Court**  
*Tobias Lock*
- 16:15 Discussion
- 16:30 End of the webinar

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(Eastern European Summer Time)

## Objective

This webinar, which forms a part of a larger project on a Baltic network of EU law experts, focuses on common European legislative search tools and judicial portals that can assist members of the judiciary in their daily work and with cross-border cases. It will explain the two main EU online portals available for a search of EU legislation, other public documents and case law of the EU Courts, EUR-Lex and CURIA, as well as the main portal to search for the European Court of Human Rights case law, HUDOC, and its Knowledge Sharing platform (ECHR-KS), which shares Convention case-law knowledge, complementing the existing information tools such as HUDOC. A step-by-step guide will be provided on how to effectively use the four portals, with examples provided on how to use them to search.

## Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors and court staff from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

## Interactive online seminar

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### Save the date

#### **Preliminary Ruling Procedure, Charter of Fundamental Rights and the Rule of Law**

Advanced Training in EU Law for  
Judges and Prosecutors  
Riga, 19-21 June 2024

#### **Preliminary Ruling Procedure, Charter of Fundamental Rights and the Rule of Law**

Advanced Training in EU Law for  
Judges and Prosecutors  
Tallinn, 30 September - 2 October  
2024

#### **FRA's online tools (EU Fundamental Rights Information System - EFRIS, Criminal Detention Database, Case-law Database, Charterpedia and Charter e-guidance)**

Online, 30 October 2024

#### **Digital skills with a special focus on the EIO and e-CODEX**

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# Overview

1. Presentation EurLex
2. Discussion
3. 15 minute break
4. Presentation Curia.eu
5. Discussion

# Warm-up question

## POLL

- How often do you use EurLex?

# EurLex

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/>

- EU's legal data base
  - Links to the Official Journal (authentic versions of EU legal texts)
- Contains *inter alia*:
  - EU Treaties (primary law)
  - EU legal acts, in particular
    - Regulations
    - Directives (plus national implementing acts)
    - Decisions
    - Preparatory documents (e.g. draft acts, etc)
    - Consolidated texts
  - EU case law (in addition to [www.curia.eu](http://www.curia.eu))
    - national case law on EU law

## The Official Journal of the EU

Series:

- L Series – Legislation (mostly EU secondary law: Regulations, Directives, Decisions...)
- C Series – Information and notices, preparatory acts, CJEU judgment summaries, etc.

Up until 2013: print version was authentic

Since July 2013: online version authentic, but was still published like the print version (i.e. with page numbers etc)

Since 1 October 2023: online only – each EU act has its own OJ edition

## EurLex

### OJ citation:

- Until 1 October 2023, e.g. the Citizens' Rights Directive

[2004] OJ L 158/77

Year      Series    Volume    Page

- Since 1 October 2023: citation by European Legislation Identifier (ELI)
- e.g. Regulation (2U) 2024/1143  
<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1143/oj>



# EurLex

## CELEX Number

- unique identifier for each document
- if you have it, you can search by entering the CELEX number in the search
  - same number for all language versions

E.g. Dublin III Regulation (on determining the state responsible for asylum applications):

Sector    3   2013   R   0604   Document  
=Legal acts   Year   R=Regulation   number

### 12 Sectors:

1. Treaties
2. International agreements
3. Legal acts
4. Complementary legislation
5. Preparatory documents
6. EU case-law
7. National transposition
8. References to national case-law concerning EU law
9. Parliamentary questions
0. Consolidated texts
- C. Other documents published in the Official Journal C series
- E. EFTA documents



# Demonstration

Let's get cracking: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/>

# Over to you

- Find the following:
  - Air Passenger Rights Regulation 261/2004
    - display it in your own language next to English
  - Receptions Conditions Directive
    - and national implementing measures in your jurisdiction
  - Directive 2005/36 on the recognition of professional qualifications
    - version in force on 17 August 2017
    - and consolidated text

# Discussion



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# Warm-up question

## POLL

- How often do you use Curia?

# Curia.eu

1. Basic Search
2. Advanced Search
3. Additional Tips and Tricks
4. CJEU decisions on EurLex

# Curia.eu

## Citation formats

Case 26/62 *van Gend en Loos* 1963 ECR 1 ECLI:EU:C:1963:1

Joined cases C-46/93 and C-48/93 *Brasserie du pêcheur and Factortame* 1996  
ECR I-1029 ECLI:EU:C:1996:79

Case C-555/07 *Küçükdeveci* ECLI:EU:C:2010:21

Case T-315/01 *Kadi v Council and Commission* 2005 ECR II-3649 ECLI:EU:T:2005:332

Case T-612/17 *Google and Alphabet v Commission* (Google Shopping)  
ECLI:T:2021:763

# Demonstration

Let's do it: [www.curia.eu](http://www.curia.eu)



# Over to you

1. Go to: [curia.eu](http://curia.eu)
2. Find the following:
  - Costa v ENEL
  - The Advocate General Opinion in: Joined Cases C-404/15 and C-659/15 PPU
  - A list of cases citing Article 5 Charter of Fundamental Rights
  - Pending cases from your own jurisdiction (Estonia/Latvia/Lithuania)
  - Cases citing Article 7 of Directive 2004/38

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## Background Documentation

### Webinar on European Legislative Search Tools and Judicial Portals

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**\*\*\* All documents are hyperlinked \*\*\***

#### A) Common European Digital Search Tools

##### A1) Most Relevant European Legislative Search Tools

A1.01	Council of Europe: Treaty Office
A1.02	European Court of Human Rights: HUDOC - Judgments and decisions
A1.03	European Court of Human Rights: ECHR Knowledge Sharing platform (ECHR-KS)
A1.04	EUR-Lex: Access to European Union law
A1.05	Court of Justice of the European Union: InfoCuria - Case law

## A2) European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)

A2.01	Finding and understanding the case-law
A2.02	European Court of Human Rights: HUDOC - Judgments and decisions
A2.03	European Court of Human Rights: ECHR Knowledge Sharing platform (ECHR-KS)
A2.04	Accession of the European Union
A2.05	Advisory opinions
A2.06	All webcasts of hearings
A2.07	Annual reports
A2.08	Information about application procedure
A2.09	Calendar of hearings
A2.10	Cases pending before the Grand Chamber
A2.11	Complementary texts
A2.12	Composition of the Court
A2.13	Dashboards

A2.14	Delivery of judgments
A2.15	European Convention on Human Rights: translations, protocols and explanatory report
A2.16	Facts and figures
A2.17	Grand Chamber
A2.18	How the European Court of Human Rights works
A2.19	Information documents
A2.20	Information on application procedure for applicants in other languages
A2.21	Press service
A2.22	Press resources: factsheets
A2.23	Press resources: country profiles
A2.24	Press encounters (conferences)
A2.25	Publications

A2.26	Reform of the European Court of Human Rights
A2.27	Registrars & Deputy Registrars of the European Court of Human Rights
A2.28	Rules of the European Court of Human Rights
A2.29	Statistical reports
A2.30	Videos
A2.31	Webcasts of hearings

### A3) Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)

A3.01	EUR-Lex: Access to European Union law
A3.02	Court of Justice of the European Union: InfoCuria - Case law
A3.03	Annual Report
A3.04	Documents on the procedure in the General Court
A3.05	Factsheets: Case-law
A3.06	Judicial Network of the EU: Factsheets

A3.07	Fictitious names in anonymised cases
A3.08	Information brochures
A3.09	Judicial calendar
A3.10	Judgments from the historic case-law in the languages of the 2004, 2007 and 2013 accession countries
A3.11	Judicial Network of the EU: Legal monitoring
A3.12	Method of citing the case-law
A3.13	Monthly Case-law Digest
A3.14	Judicial Network of the EU: National case-law
A3.15	Judicial Network of the EU: Notes and studies
A3.16	Judicial Network of the EU: Presentation
A3.17	Court of Justice: Procedure
A3.18	Court of Justice: Statistics of judicial activity
A3.19	General Court: Statistics of judicial activity

A3.20	The Court in figures
A3.21	Court of Justice: Various documents
A3.22	Yearly selection of major judgments