

## Call for Papers

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Several governmental and private initiatives have been coordinated by the Secretariat-General of the French Government in order to organize, under *France's presidency of the European union*, an event intended to inform the public about the progression of projects carried out in *Europe*, and aiming at improving access to law and favouring its elaboration through new technologies. This event also illustrates the developments that have been operated in this field.

Since the law of the Member States started to be published via the Internet a decade ago, a European "Digital Legal Area" composed of several elements (whether public or private, with charge or open source) has progressively emerged. With the development of this area, it is easier to put together and compare the legal systems on one hand, and the technological standards enabling their digital broadcasting on the other hand.

The Official Journals of the Member States play a key role in that process. They have gained a new dimension, by participating actively to the economic life of their country, by contributing to the budget orthodoxy of their regulatory authority through innovation in the field of self-financing, and finally appear as a privileged way to experience the e-administration. This topic will be dealt with during conference of 10 December.

In the same time, most of the States are facing a growing number of norms, thus creating legal insecurity; this has encouraged them to improve the quality of their norms by all legislative, regulatory, administrative and technical means within the framework of the EU and OECD programmes designed to "Legislate better". From now on each Member State is showing concern about the economic appeal of its positive law. The more and more frequent confrontations between national laws are resulting in or reviving a comparative law which emerges on the Internet and tries to limit as much as possible difficulty related a multilingual approach which cannot be ignored in this area. The new treatments of legal digital information In Europe discussed during the conference of 11 December.

*In the same way as the world market of scientific information, the European market of legal information is developing rapidly.* This development is going even faster with the increasing influence of new rules imposed by the network economy, whether regarding relationships between publishers and readers, the role and aspirations of the authors, the safeguarding and marketing of public and private data, or the relationships between legal professionals. This phenomenon of interactive network should be examined in particular with regard to the development of new electronic practices of the e-justice. Those developments will be examined during the conference of 12 December.

**In this context, it is important to gather participants from all EU Member States and from countries influenced by the EU legislation, such as:**

- national and multinational publishers and others professionals operating on the legal information market
- national civil servants, European officials and employees working in normative institutions
- experts in law, technologies and legal information
- representatives of universities and research institutes
- associations of users and producers of legal databases established in the Member States

**Papers must address challenges related to topics that will be discussed during the conferences of 11 and 12 December 2008.**

For further information about the conferences, check on [www.legalaccess.eu](http://www.legalaccess.eu)

Subjects of particular interest include, but are not limited to :

### **New treatments of legal digital information in Europe**

Production, consolidation, dissemination, and storage of legal information in Europe : New technological solutions for a better regulation

#### *1) Producing and assessing the quality of legal data*

- Dematerialisation of normative process
- Dematerialisation of procedures regarding administrative justice
- What tools to assess the quality of law?
- Expected simplifications regarding the access to Member States laws

#### *2) Improving legal data description for a better preservation*

- A European standard for the referencing of documents?
- What to expect from European Legal XML?
- Is a common language for the access to the laws of the Member States conceivable?
- How to create and use a legal multilingual ontology ?

#### *3) The setting up of European electronic law patrimony (texts, cases law, legal literature)*

- The management of stocks of legal data : law and case law
- Promoting and making European legal theory available to the public ?

#### *4) Interoperability and security, a key aspect of technological solutions*

- E-justice technical solutions and cross-border cooperation in judicial matters
- What tools for a better information retrieval ?
- How to centralize the search on decentralized data collections
- What common technical norms for the security of legal extranets ?

### **The Legal information market in Europe** under new rules imposed by the network economy

#### *1) Publics and private actors : Competition and cooperation*

- What models of partnership between public and private actors ?
- Regulating the dissemination of law and legal literature towards professionals in the field of law ?

#### *2) Free access, access on charge : Opposite or complementary access ?*

- Can free access help the legal information market?
- Legal information circulation and trade in Europe, new exchanges and communities
- Free or fee based access: differentiation criteria?

#### *3) Publishers : Changes in their strategy and offers*

- Private editor offers: added values to contents and technologies
- Changes in the needs of consumers and professionals

#### 4) Users and authors : Changes in their expectations and actions

- What changes in the distribution of roles between authors, readers and publishers in the dissemination of legal knowledge?
- Expectations of authors with regards to changes in means of dissemination of their works
- Public buying consortia – what type of activity reports and what lies future?
- Knowledge management, social networking - exchange mutations ?

## Paper Submission Guidelines

Authors are invited to submit original works which have not been published yet. All papers submitted will be assessed by a specialized scientific committee (see composition in following page).

This scientific committee will inform authors of which papers have been chosen. Offers to contribute a paper must contain its title, an abstract and a detailed plan of contents along with the author's name, his or her titles and the institution or company to which he or she belongs. Papers must be written in French or English.

All article submissions must be made by **5 September** 2008 in RTF, HTML or PDF format by e-mail and sent to the following address: [contribution@legalaccess.eu](mailto:contribution@legalaccess.eu)

Proposed papers may be :

- chosen for an oral presentation and printed in full in the proceedings
- chosen for a round-table discussion, with its abstract printed in the proceedings
- neither chosen nor published

All oral presentations may be accompanied by Power Point slides.

As far as possible (and in the event that the text of the presentation arrives to the organisation committee in time), the presentation will be communicated to the audience in full and in two languages (French-English) during the conference.

For each chosen presentation, the text of the presentation and the slides must be sent per email on 20 November at the latest. The organisation committee can take in charge the translation of the submitted texts. However, the sending of a bilingual version of the presentation are welcome.

All chosen papers will be published on the website of the European legal e-access conference ([www.legalaccess.eu](http://www.legalaccess.eu)) in free access. They will then be archived on the website of the association Droit.org.

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