



Latest developments on EUR-Lex

Improvements and new features:

1. Document view

- In order to simplify consultation and with a view to avoiding duplication of information a number of changes have been applied to the tabs in document view. The "About this document" and "Linked documents" tabs have been deleted. All the information contained therein is now available from the "Document information" tab, previously called "All". The order of the remaining tabs is now more logical. The tab NIM has been renamed to "National transposition".
- The relationships between documents have been enriched with the possibility to select implementing and delegated acts whenever the basic act allows for their adoption.
- When the document has been corrected, the language codes of the languages corrected have been added after the CELEX number of the corrigendum.

2. Advanced search

- The values in "Other types of acts" pick list have been reviewed.
- The newly published 2016 consolidated versions of the treaties have been added to the relevant drop-down menus.

3. Results list

- When exporting search results to a PDF file, the search criteria are automatically added in the exported file.

4. Quick search

- Consolidated texts have been added to the scope of the quick search.

5. Legislative procedures

- The possibility to set an RSS feed and be informed of any new events in the procedure has been added.
- The layout and readability of the timeline and legal basis heading have been improved.

6. My EUR-Lex

- The possibility for all users to consult recent searches is now more visible via a link in the My EUR-Lex box.

The graphic features a vertical navigation menu on the left with the following items: Treaties, Official Journal, Legislation, Newsletter, and Tutorials. To the right of the menu are several circular icons: a red circle with three horizontal lines, a green circle with a document icon, a blue circle with a document icon, and a purple circle with three horizontal lines. The text 'SURVEY' is at the top in large blue letters. Below it, the question 'How would you like to navigate through EUR-Lex?' is written in orange. At the bottom, the call to action 'Take our survey & tell us what you think!' is written in orange.

7. Other improvements

- The logic and layout of the tree structures in EuroVoc, Directories, Institutions and Bodies and OJ has been improved to allow for an enhanced browsing experience.
- The readability of the FAQ and help pages has been improved by numbering the entries.
- The behaviour of the left navigation menu in the collection pages has been reviewed for better consistency.

[Contact us](#) if you have any feedback or questions about these changes.

Legislation in focus

New consolidated versions of EU Treaties, the EU Charter of Fundamental rights and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community have been published this month. Follow the links below to access them:

[EU Treaties — 2016 Consolidated version](#)

[EU Charter of Fundamental Rights](#)

[Euratom Treaty — 2016 Consolidated version](#)



These new consolidated versions of the Treaties contain several amendments adopted after the Lisbon Treaty. Among them are amended provisions of the Protocol on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union, the status with regard to the European Union of the island of Saint-Barthélemy and of Mayotte, the addition of paragraph 3 to Article 136 TFEU in relation to a stability mechanism for Member States whose currency is the euro and changes brought about by the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia.

The origin of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union is in the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community signed in Rome in 1957. The EEC Treaty provided for the establishment of a common market, a customs union and common policies, created the Community's institutions and described their powers and decision-making methods. The Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) was signed on the same day. The main aims of the Euratom Treaty have been to coordinate the Member States' research programmes for the peaceful use of nuclear energy and to ensure the security of atomic energy supply within the framework of a centralised monitoring system.

Throughout the years both treaties underwent changes, mainly via amending and accession treaties. The next important treaty, the Treaty on European Union, known as the "Maastricht Treaty" (1992) institutionalised cooperation in the fields of foreign policy, defence, police and justice together under one umbrella, the European Union. Furthermore, this Treaty created an economic and monetary union, put in place new Community policies (education, culture) and increased the powers of the European Parliament (codecision procedure). The EEC was renamed as the European Community (EC). Further changes to the Rome Treaties and the Treaty on European Union came with the Treaty of Amsterdam (1997), the Treaty of Nice (2001) and the Treaty of Lisbon (2007). The Treaty of Lisbon made sweeping reforms. It brought an end to the European Community, abolished the former EU architecture and made a new allocation of competencies between the EU and the Member States. The way in which the European institutions function and the decision-making process were also subject to modifications. The aim was to improve the way in which decisions are made in an enlarged Union of (at that time 27 Member States). The Treaty of Lisbon also reformed several of the EU's internal and external policies. The EC Treaty was renamed as the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

[EU referendum in the UK](#)

On June 23 2016 the United Kingdom held a referendum on whether the UK should remain in the European Union (a.k.a. Brexit). For information purposes, a non-exhaustive list of EU documents related to the UK and its position in the EU is presented below. If you'd like to propose a document contained in EUR-Lex to be added to this list for easy access, [let us know](#).

- [Treaty of Accession of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom \(1972\)](#)
- [Treaties currently in force](#)
- [Consolidated version \(2016\) of the Treaty on European Union – Article 50](#) (withdrawal from the Union)
- [Protocol \(No 25\) on certain provisions relating to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland \(1992\)](#) (Economic and Monetary Union)
- [Protocol integrating the Schengen acquis into the framework of the European Union](#) (Schengen agreement on border controls)
- [Protocol \(No 21\) On the Position of the United Kingdom and Ireland In Respect Of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice](#)
- [Protocol \(No 36\) on Transitional Provisions](#) (police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters)
- [Protocol \(No 30\) on the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union to Poland and to the United Kingdom](#)
- [Consolidated version \(2016\) of the Treaty on European Union – Article 48\(4\) and 48\(6\)](#) (amending the Treaties)



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