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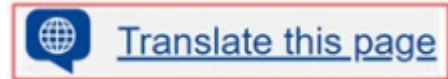
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New!

Read this newsletter in your language

You can read all about the upgrades described below in all official EU languages in our [EUR-Lex developments page](#).



To see a machine translation of this newsletter in another EU language, go to the [online version](#), click on the icon at the top of the page and choose your language.

Upgrades

Accessibility

Several improvements have been made to EUR-Lex to make it more accessible to people with disabilities.

The changes include the following.

'Skip to main content' link

- the 'skip to main content' link in the header is now working correctly

Tooltips

- tooltips in the timelines of the law-making procedures are keyboard accessible
- all tooltips on EUR-Lex are announced by screen readers

Buttons

- all buttons now have an accessible label
- accessibility of the keyword buttons in the 'expert search query' has been improved

Interaction with screen readers and other assistive technologies

- if a form field is filled in incorrectly, users of assistive technologies such as screen readers will be alerted to which field triggered the error
- error messages are announced to users of assistive technologies
- whenever users need to fill in a form field (e.g. in the search widgets), this will be announced by assistive technologies
- several code improvements have been made to make sure the website works better with assistive technologies

- decorative images are now correctly labelled so that they can be ignored by assistive technologies

Other accessibility changes

- smooth scrolling in documents is deactivated when you click on the table of contents
- keyboard navigation in the search results pages has been improved

Case file

The new 'Case file' feature gives you access to relevant documents and information related to an EU law case.

It is available for the cases published in the [Reports of cases](#).

To access this feature, navigate to the 'Case file' link on the left-hand side of a case page.

At the top of the 'Case file' page, a box with a blue background contains general information about the case:

- Case number
- Title of the case
- Name of the Court
- Status of the case (closed, in progress, Stayed, Discontinued)
- Link to relevant appeal case (where applicable)
- Link to other cases with the same case number

The central part of the page provides a timeline with the main steps of the case (case brought; proceedings; decision) and the related main documents (communication published in the Official Journal; order; opinion of the advocate general; judgment; etc.).

Case C-357/19

Case C-357/19: C-357/19

Court of Justice

Status: ● In progress









Case C-357/19

Reverse Order



⌵ Expand all / ⌵ Collapse all

DECISION		Judgment		 21/12/2021
PROCEEDINGS		Opinion of the Advocate General		 04/03/2021

New features on the Protocol on Ireland / Northern Ireland page

We have added the following new features to our [page dedicated to the Protocol on Ireland / Northern Ireland](#)

- A search box to access specific Protocol-related documents by year, number and type of document. The search will run only on this specific collection of documents.
- Notes relating to the applicability of rules under Annexes 1 to 5 of the Protocol which appear when you move the cursor over the titles of the sections in the 'Navigation tree' section.

Export and share expert search queries

You can now run, save and share expert search queries as URI or link.

Advanced search – Lawmaking procedures

In the 'lawmaking procedures' section of the advanced search, we streamlined the drop-down menus 'Type of activity' and 'Activities of Agents' to make them shorter and easier to handle.

Experimental features – deep linking

Deep linking has been extended to all document types on EUR-Lex.

This is an experimental feature that makes it possible to display links to other legal acts referred to in EUR-Lex documents.

'Directory of case-law' page

The [Directory of case-law](#) page has been redesigned so that the two different classification schemes (the one in place before the Lisbon Treaty and the one in place after the Lisbon Treaty) are displayed on the same page.

To see the full classification scheme that was in place prior to the Lisbon Treaty, click on '[Consult the classification scheme in place before the Lisbon Treaty \(up to 2009\)](#)'.

Meaningful tab titles

For regulations, directives and decisions, the text that appears in your browser's tabs will now show the type of the document (regulation, directive or decision), its number, the language in which it is displayed on EUR-Lex and, if available, a short title describing the document (e.g. 'GDPR').

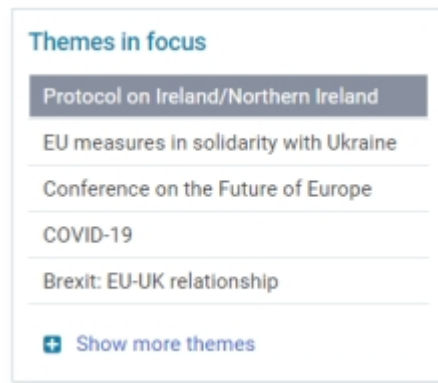
This feature is useful if you open several tabs from EUR-Lex as it helps you navigate between them.

Example: the tab for 'Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data' will read: Regulation 2016/679 - EN – gdpr – EUR-Lex.

'News' has become 'Themes in focus'

The former 'News' section accessible from the home page contained two different types of items – news related to specific topics, and news related to the EUR-Lex website itself.

We have replaced it with a more specific 'Themes in focus' section and moved items that are about the EUR-Lex website itself to the developments section.



The main current themes are visible in the left-hand menu. Older themes can be accessed by clicking the 'show more themes' button.

The 'Latest developments on EUR-Lex' section has been renamed 'EUR-Lex developments'. It only includes information specific to the EUR-Lex website, for example upgrades with new features.

Official Journal act by act

The Official Journal act by act is here!

You can read details about this change in your own language on our [EUR-Lex developments page](#).



On 1 October 2023, the *Official Journal of the European Union* (the Official Journal) switched to act-by-act publication.

In this new production mode, the Official Journal is no longer a collation of acts with a table of contents. Instead, each act is published individually as an authentic Official Journal in PDF format.

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