

Specialized web-pages and other tools for efficient search in internet

1. The problem

- a. Information is often considered as an economic device and therefore “sold”. Thus, many web-pages present information which is organized and systematized for the needs of special user-groups – but either access or download (or both) require subscription and additional payments.
- b. The other way to use information sources which are designed and managed by experts is to access web-pages of organizations and state administrations which deal with special areas of law, politics or economy. The main problem while using these sources is to know which sources exist. This problem can be solved either while using web-page directories or to have sufficient knowledge about the structure of EU member state administrations and specialized organizations.
- c. The use of the web-pages presented below requires high level of language skills and pre-knowledge about EU member state structures.

2. The solutions

- Web-page directories or collections are a kind of catalogue containing web-pages on specific topics. Usually such directories contain additional information about each web-page and explanations.

Juridica law information system

<http://www.juridica.lv/Search;jsessionid=60C6EF791E73A3CD237B1F23F5570EE6>

Europäisches Dokumentationszentrum (EDZ) <http://www.ub.uni-mannheim.de/index.php?id=463>

Juristische Online-Datenbanken

<http://www.vifarecht.de/datenbanken/liste.php?st=1&cnt=030%25&FS=Europa>

- Web-pages of line-ministries of EU member states contain sometimes rather detailed legal and economic information which is managed by experts. The reason for such services might be different, it is either attractive for investment, for the domestic business or it is a way of transparent EU related policy.

Food-safety: Bayerisches Staatsministerium für Umwelt und Gesundheit

<http://www.stmug.bayern.de/lebensmittel/recht/index.htm>

Waist-management

http://www.abfallratgeberbayern.de/arba/aistmugv.nsf/gtexte_de_1_no?openform&SELV=_&PARA=_Gesetze

Public procurement: Vergabe- und Vertragswesen in Bayern <http://www.vergabeinfo.bayern.de/>

- Web-pages of organizations which are either independent state organizations, business associations or NGOs offer sometimes very comprehensive and updated information on their area of activities.

Gas and energy business http://www.bdew.de/bdew.nsf/id/DE_Home

Cross border issues Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) <http://www.aebr.net/>

- Last not least, it is worth to look in the sources scientific institutes offer.

Intellectual property: Max-Planck-Institut für Geistiges Eigentum, Wettbewerbs- und Steuerrecht <http://www.ip.mpg.de/ww/de/pub/aktuelles.cfm>

- Commercial web-pages combine the quality of expert information with additional features. Such pages usually contain e-books and interlinked information. Thus the user has easier access to information needed and can use other material related to the topic of interest. These pages can be qualified as e-libraries with an information management tool. Famous providers are Lexis Nexis, West-Law and Beck-online. The subscription fees and sometimes additional download fees are usually high.
- New translation programmes are more reliable, but they fail to provide usable translations of legal texts. More ministries and institutes move to bi-lingual web-pages, some countries are presenting their legislation partially in English

Centre for German Legal Information (CGerLI) <http://www.cgerli.org/>