



European Union Research

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Heafey's reference librarians have compiled this list of European Union resources that are available on the Internet or in the Heafey collection. Be sure to note the specific locations listed below for individual materials.

1. PRIMARY MATERIALS

- **Treaties:** Since the 1950s, treaties have established the European Coal and Steel Community, the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom), the European Economic Community, the European Community, and the European Union. Treaty texts have generally been published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and its successor, the *Official Journal of the European Union*. Treaty texts are also available on Europa (europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/en/treaties/index.htm); on Westlaw (EU-TREATIES); and on Lexis (EUROPE;TREATY).

The Treaty Establishing a Constitution for Europe, rejected by EU member states, is also in the *Official Journal* and available on Europa: europa.eu.int/constitution/index_en.htm

- **Legislation:** Institutions involved in the passage of EU legislation include the European Council, Commission, and Parliament. For a description of the EU legislative process, see: europa.eu.int/institutions/decision-making/index_en.htm

EU legislation is of three main types:

- ◆ Regulations go into effect directly;
- ◆ Directives need to be implemented by the national legislatures of EU member states;
- ◆ Decisions of the European Council or the Commission are binding on the EU member states or parties addressed.

Legislation is published in the *Official Journal*, L Series
Call Number & Location: KJE908 L43 (Microform)

The *Official Journal* is also available on Europa (europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/JOIndex.do?ihmlang=en); on Lexis (EURCOM;LEGIS); and on Westlaw (EU-LEG).

- **Court Decisions:**
 - ◆ **European Court of Justice / Court of Justice of the European Communities:** The European Court of Justice applies and interprets treaties establishing the European Communities and provisions adopted by EU institutions. Decisions of the Court of First Instance (see below) may be appealed to the Court of Justice.

- ◆ **Court of First Instance:** The European Court of Justice applies and interprets treaties establishing the European Communities and provisions adopted by EU institutions. Civil Service Tribunal decisions (see below) may be appealed to the Court of First Instance.
- ◆ **Civil Service Tribunal:** The Civil Service Tribunal was established in November 2004. Prior to the establishment of the tribunal, disputes between the EU and the civil service were heard by the Court of First Instance.

Court decisions are available on: www.curia.eu.int; Westlaw (EU-CS); and Lexis (EURCOM;ECJ).

Selected European Court of Justice and Court of First Instance opinions can be found in: *European Community Cases (European Union Law Reporter)*
Call Number & Locations: KJE925.5 C65 Cases (Stauffer Collection & Second Floor Stacks)

Some court decisions also appear in the *Official Journal, C Series (Information and Notices)*
Call Number & Location: KJE908 I54 (Microform)

The *Official Journal* is also available on Europa: (europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/JOIndex.do?ihmlang=en); on Westlaw (EU-OJCSERIES); and on Lexis (EURCOM;ECLAW).

- **European Commission:** The European Commission initiates legislation, implements common policy, and administers the budget. Commission documents include:
 - ◆ COM documents (proposed legislation);
 - ◆ SEC documents (internal decision making);
 - ◆ Green papers (discussion papers on specific policy areas);
 - ◆ White papers (proposals for community action);
 - ◆ Reports; and
 - ◆ Working documents.

Many Commission documents are available on Europa:

- ◆ COM documents from 1999 – present can be found at: europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/en/prep/index.htm; on Westlaw (EU-ACTS); and on Lexis (EURCOM;PREP);
- ◆ Commission documents can also be found on the Pre-Lex database at: europa.eu.int/prelex/apcnet.cfm?CL=en

2. TREATISES AND LOOSELEAFS

To find treatises on EU law, try these subject searches on OSCAR: <European Union> <European Communities> <European Community Law> <European Coal and Steel Community>

Browse EU/EC materials in OSCAR or on the shelves at LC call number beginning with KJE900.

Some useful secondary sources in the Heafey Law Library collection include:

- **European Union Law Reporter, European Community Cases;**
- **EU Focus** (accompanying newsletter);
Call Numbers & Locations: KJE925.5 C65; KJE925.5 C65 Cases
Current materials are in the Stauffer Collection, and materials from previous years are located in the second floor stacks.
- **European Union Law in a Nutshell**
Call Number & Location: KJE949 F55 2004 (Stauffer Collection)
- **European Union Law Guide**
Call Number & Location: KJE947 E97 (Second Floor Stacks)
- **Collected Courses of the Academy of European Law**
Call Number & Location: KJE947 C6 (Second Floor Stacks)
- **Yearbook of European Law**
Call Number & Location: KJC5 Y42 (Second Floor Stacks)
- **Cambridge Yearbook of European Legal Studies**
Call Number & Location: KJE958 C36 (Second Floor Stacks)

3. RESEARCH GUIDES

- **European Union Research** (NYU, 2005): www.law.nyu.edu/library/euguide.html
Detailed guide to print publications and electronic sources. Links to a shorter "Cite-Checker's Guide," www.law.nyu.edu/library/shortguideeu.html, that identifies sources of EU law.
- **European Union Law: An Integrated Guide to Print and Electronic Resources** (LLRX, 2003): www.llrx.com/features/eulaw2.htm
Covers major topics in EU research: treaties, legislation, case law, periodical literature, national implementing legislation, and citations.
- **European Union Legal Research** (Harvard, 2004):
www.law.harvard.edu/library/services/research/guides/international/eu/index.php
Uses the issue of legal protection of computer programs to illustrate sources and strategies for EU research.
- **European Union Internet Resources** (UC Berkeley, 2006):
www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/govinfo/intl/gov_eu.html
An extensive list of EU internet resources.

4. DATABASES

- **Lexis:** From the Lexis directory, click on: **Legal (excluding U.S.) > European Union**
- **Westlaw:** From the Westlaw directory, click on: **International/Worldwide Materials > EU**
- **Eur-Lex on Europa (European Union Law):**
europa.eu.int/documents/eur-lex/index_en.htm
Text of the Official Journal, Treaties, Legislation, Legislation in Preparation, Case Law and Parliamentary Questions.

- **OEIL on Europa (Legislative Observatory):** www.europarl.eu.int/oeil/index.jsp?form=null&language=en
Tracking legislative activities of the Commission, Parliament and Council.
- **Pre-Lex on Europa (Inter Institutional Procedures):** europa.eu.int/prelex/apcnet.cfm?CL=en
Tracking decision-making activities of the Commission and other EU Institutions.
- **Summaries of Legislation / Activities (Europa):** europa.eu.int/scadplus/scad_en.htm

5. INTERNET SOURCES

- **Europa:** europa.eu.int
The European Union's official website.
- **Delegation of the European Commission to the USA:** eurunion.org/
The European Union: A Guide for Americans is a PDF pamphlet with background information about EU history and institutions. *EU A-Z* is a collection of links to EU websites, organized by type as well as alphabetically. *Links* connects to selected EU websites with background information and official documents.
- **Jean Monnet Program** (Jean Monnet Center, New York University School of Law): www.jeanmonnetprogram.org/
A good source for academic information about the EU, including: the text of the *European Journal of International Law*, course outlines and reading materials, and the European Research Papers Archive (ERPA), a searchable database of recent scholarship.

6. MEMBER STATES

The Heafey Law Library collection includes some primary and secondary legal materials from some EU member states. Search OSCAR by subject – e.g., law – France – or browse OSCAR or the law library shelves at the appropriate LC classification, e.g.: France (KJV), Germany (KK), or England and the United Kingdom (KD).

Europa, europa.eu.int, includes a link to the official governmental website for each member and applicant country: europa.eu.int/abc/governments/index_en.htm. At least a portion of each website is generally available in English.

Several megasites also include links to government websites, including the governments of EU member countries. See, e.g.:

- Worldlii: www.worldlii.org
- Foreign government web resources at Emory's Electronic Reference Desk: www.law.emory.edu/erd/foreign.html
- Foreign law sources listed at the Heafey Law Library webpage: www.scu.edu/law/library/foreign_laws.html

Lexis provides a database (EUROPE;NATPRV) that includes EU Member States' national acts implementing Community legislation.