



PSI Directive

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Content policies

- i2010 initiative: key role for content
 - use information technologies for economic growth and quality of life
- ‘Public sector content’
 - digital libraries initiative
 - cultural content, scientific information
- ‘Public sector information’
 - PSI directive



PSI, What is at stake?

- It is big!
 - investment value, re-use
- New added-value services
 - combining data from different sources
- Cross-border use and potential
- There are problems and opportunities
 - competition issues, no culture of re-use

Maximising the value for society



The PSI Directive

- Minimum harmonisation
- ‘Hard’, competition side
 - non-discrimination, exclusive arrangements
 - abuse of dominant position (pricing)
 - cross-subsidies + transparency requirements
- ‘Softer’, stimulating side
 - asset-lists, online licenses
 - recommendation to MS in recitals:
 - make as much material as possible available for re-use, and promote re-use
 - marginal costs of reproduction and dissemination
 - exercise copyrights in a way that facilitates re-use



Some issues

- Market legislation, not freedom of information legislation
- Charging article
 - Monitor its implementation
 - What is the best model?
 - Empirical evidence + analysis
 - What are the transition costs?
- Intellectual property rights
 - Public sector bodies as rightholders



- Transposition status of the PSI Directive 2003/98/EC
- Examples of good practices in MS related to the PSI Directive
- Commission activities to promote PSI



PSI Directive 2003/98/EC

- Adopted in November 2003
- Deadline for transposition: July 2005
- 17 MS have notified complete transposition
- Infringement procedures for non-communication of transposition measures



Transposition of the PSI Directive

Member State	Status of Communication	Member State	Status of Communication
Belgium	NC : NO COMMUNICATION	Luxembourg	NC : NO COMMUNICATION
Czech Republic	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION	Hungary	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION
Denmark	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION	Malta	NC : NO COMMUNICATION
Germany	NC: NO COMMUNICATION	The Netherlands	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION
Estonia	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION	Austria	CP : PARTIAL COMMUNICATION
Greece	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION	Poland	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION
Spain	NC : NO COMMUNICATION	Portugal	NC : NO COMMUNICATION
France	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION	Slovenia	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION
Ireland	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION	Slovakia	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION
Italy	OK: COMPLETE COMMUNICATION	Finland	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION
Cyprus	NC: NO COMMUNICATION	Sweden	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION
Latvia	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION	United Kingdom	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION
Lithuania	OK : COMPLETE COMMUNICATION		



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Examples of good practices in MS

- The Czech Republic: PSI Watch Initiative
- Denmark: IT standards
- Ireland: portal, asset lists
- The Netherlands: exclusive agreements
- Spain: legal information (CENDOJ - Judicial Documentation Centre)
- The U.K.: click-use licences



Commission activities to promote PSI

1. Policy and strategy
2. Legislation = PSI Directive
3. Measuring Impact
4. Stimulation and promotion
5. Re-use of Commission information
 - *Commission Decision 2006/291/EC, Euratom on the re-use of Commission information (7.4.2006)*



Conclusions

- Good start, important effects
- Work still ahead of us
- Common effort brings best results