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The purpose of this note is to inform the working party on the latest developments concerning the EU Open Data Portal, the publishing of e-Justice legal information on it, and on the difference with the European Data Portal.

I.   The EU Open Data policy context

1.   Open government data is a core asset for the knowledge-based economy, and makes a significant contribution to the Digital Single Market as a key enabler for transparency, evidence-based decision-making and a broader participation in the political discourse.

2.   In June 2013 Directive 2013/37/EU amending Directive 2003/98/EC on the re-use of Public Sector Information, established the right to reuse such information, and set the default rule of free reuse (with some exceptions).

4.   Therefore, two open data portals were created, to access data of the EU Institutions, agencies and other bodies as well as data from Member States respectively. The portals provide access to web sources, their primary goal is to collect the metadata and they are **not** data repositories.

II.   Creation of open data portals as single points of access

5.   Created in 2012, the EU Open Data Portal (https://data.europa.eu/euodp) allows anyone to easily search, download and reuse a growing range of data for commercial or non-commercial purposes, through a catalogue of common metadata. It enhances the visibility and discoverability of data of EU institutions, agencies and other bodies and makes a strong contribution to their openness and transparency. Commission services are required to feed it with data produced for or by them further to their obligation under the Reuse Decision, while other institutions, agencies and other bodies are invited to join.

On **30 November 2016**, the EU Open data Portal counted **65** among EU organisations (Institutions, Commission services, agencies and other bodies) providing access to about **9 200 datasets**. The Court of Justice and the Court of Auditors also expressed their interest in possibly bringing datasets into the portal.

6.   The **European Data Portal** (http://data.europa.eu/europeandataportal) also known as the pan-European Data Portal, launched in November 2015, **harvests the metadata of public sector** information made available on public data portals **- national, regional, local or domain** specific - across the 28 EU Member States, EEA, and countries involved in the EU's Neighbourhood policy and Switzerland.

7.   The pan-European Data Portal will also harvest datasets from the EU Open Data Portal. Users will therefore be able to access, download and combine data from both national and EU sources in the same place.

8.   As a result, the EU Open Data Portal and the European Data Portal are closely cooperating in all operational aspects and promote common metadata standards in view of achieving widest-reaching interoperability across data portals in the EU.

III. Legal information on the EU Open Data Portal

9. Legal information should be prioritised for release as open data.

10. The EU Open Data Portal currently provides references to EUR-Lex collections and is expanding the availability of bulk download in XML format of the Official Journal documents of series C and L.

IV. Increasing visibility of legal data

11. The reuse of legal information is showcased on the EU Open Data Portal (http://data.europa.eu/euodp/en/apps), with applications developed on the basis of EU legislation.

12. Datasets and apps are also promoted daily via dedicated social media channels (Twitter: @EC_opendata and Facebook "EU Law and Publications").

13. The reuse of legal data has also been highlighted at dedicated events, in particular:

   - on 8-9 September 2016, the Publications Office presented its services related to access to law at the " LVI2016 - Law via the Internet 2016" conference in Limassol, Cyprus (https://www.lvi2016.org), which is organised yearly by the Free Access to Law Movement (www.fatlm.org). The contribution of the Publications Office concerned EUR-Lex, the Official Journal, the European Legal Identifier, the EU Open Data Portal, the Metadata Registry and EuroVoc and was very well received;

   - on 6-7 October 2016, the EU Open Data Portal was presented in Madrid at the 4th International Open Data Conference among others the reusability of EU legal data.

V. Publishing e-Justice legal information on the EU Open Data Portal

14. The Expert Group on Open Data endorsed the conclusion that several e-Justice datasets can be made available on the EU Open Data Portal.

15. A first dataset on legal professions[1] in the EU has been published on the EU Open Data Portal. DG JUST and the Publications Office are currently looking into the modalities and timeline for further datasets publication.

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[1] http://data.europa.eu/euodp/en/data/dataset/legal-professions