

# Website review

## **Diari Oficial de la Generalitat de Catalunya**

<[www.gencat.net/dogc](http://www.gencat.net/dogc)>

The *Diari Oficial de la Generalitat de Catalunya* (the DOGC or the Catalan government's official journal) is the official publication for the laws of the Generalitat de Catalunya, the general provisions dictated by the government and the administration of the Generalitat, as well as the acts, announcements and other documents of the Generalitat and of other entities or people when this is required in accordance with legal instructions.

The DOGC has been published since 3 May 1931, although at that time it went under the name of the *Butlletí de la Generalitat de Catalunya*. As from 26 August 1936 it adopted its current name of the *Diari Oficial de la Generalitat de Catalunya*. The DOGC is published daily from Monday to Friday except for public holidays, in two editions in Catalan and Spanish. The new Act regulating the *Diari Oficial de la Generalitat de Catalunya* establishes the official and authentic nature of the digital DOGC.

## **Boletín Oficial del Estado**

<[www.boe.es](http://www.boe.es)>

The *Boletín Oficial del Estado* (BOE or the Spanish parliament's official journal) is the body that publishes the laws and regulations passed by the Spanish parliament, the government and the general provisions of the autonomous communities. By virtue of Royal Decree 489/1997 of 14 April, general provisions at the rank of law, royal decree or decree-law are published in Spanish in the BOE as well as in the official languages of the autonomous governments that have signed an agreement with the central government. The BOE currently publishes legislation in Spanish, Catalan, Galician and Valencian (*sic*).

## **Official Journal of the European Union**

<<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOIndex.do?ihmlang=en>>

The *Official Journal of the European Union* provides all the legislation, international agreements, preparatory legal acts, parliamentary questions of the European Parliament, as well as the decisions of the European Community's Court of Justice and all the European Commission's documents (COM and SEC documents).

The database, accumulated since the European Coal and Steel Community was created (ECSC, 1951), exceeds 440,000 references and around 15,000 are added every year. The languages covered correspond to the official languages of the member states (in order of joining): German, French, Italian and Dutch; Danish and English; Greek; Spanish and Portuguese; Finnish and Swedish; Czech, Slovak, Slovenian, Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese and Polish, and Bulgarian, Romanian and Gaelic.

## **Audiovisual and Media Policies, European Commission**

<[http://ec.europa.eu/avpolicy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/avpolicy/index_en.htm)>

This website covers all the political and regulatory activity in the area of audiovisuals and the media of the European Commission, led by Commissioner Viviane Reding. The most notable information is that related to the new Audiovisual Media Services Directive, published on 18 December 2007 in the *Official Journal of the European Union*. There is also information on the MEDIA programme, the promotion of pluralism in the media, protection of minors, actions aimed at media literacy and issues related to international trade and the WTO, among others.

### **European Audiovisual Observatory**

<[www.obs.coe.int](http://www.obs.coe.int)>

Created in 1992 under the auspices of Eureka Audiovisual, the European Audiovisual Observatory is the reference centre for information on the audiovisual industry in Europe, both from an economic point of view as well as particularly from a legal perspective. The Observatory works in collaboration with other international bodies, professional organisations in the industry and has a network of correspondents that provide regular information. It currently covers the 36 member states of the European Union, although it also has partial agreements with the Council of Europe.

### **European Forum of Official Gazettes**

<[circa.europa.eu/irc/opoce/ojf/info/data/prod/html/index.htm](http://circa.europa.eu/irc/opoce/ojf/info/data/prod/html/index.htm)>

The European Forum of Official Gazettes was created in 2004 by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities and the organisations responsible for publishing the official journals of each member State of the European Union. Since 2005, this Forum has been open to the participation of other countries outside the European Union. The aim of this centre is to exchange ideas and information on publication processes, technology and best practices between the official publishers.

### **Legislative Observatory, European Parliament**

<[www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/index.jsp](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/index.jsp)>

The Legislative Observatory is a service to manage, predict, inform and investigate the legislative and non-legislative processes of the European Union in which the European Parliament is involved. It works with a large number of procedures and dossiers containing documentation, events, actors and information. However, it does not aim to be an inventory of legislative documents nor to offer access to established texts, although this is often possible.

### **Culture and Education Committee, European Parliament**

<[www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/committees/homeCom.do?language=EN&body=CULT](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/committees/homeCom.do?language=EN&body=CULT)>

The European Parliament is organised into 20 standing committees (temporary committees can be created *ad hoc* for specific subjects), whose number of members ranges from 28 to 56. The Culture and Education Committee of the European Parliament has powers over audiovisuals and has been one of the bodies responsible for the new European Audiovisual Media Services Directive.

### **Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB)**

<[www.dvb.org](http://www.dvb.org)>

The Digital Broadcasting Video Project is an industry-led consortium of over 270 broadcasters, manufacturers, network operators, software developers, regulatory bodies and others in over 35 countries to promote open technical standards for the global delivery of digital television and data services. Services using DVB standards are available on every continent with more than 170 million DVB receivers deployed.

### **European Telecommunications Standards Institute**

<[www.etsi.org/website/homepage.aspx](http://www.etsi.org/website/homepage.aspx)>

The European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) is the body recognised by the European Commission as the official European Standards organisation in telecommunications. It has around 700 members in 60 countries all over the world and approves globally applicable standards for Information & Communications Technologies (ICTs): fixed and mobile telephony, television, convergent services and the Internet. Its European perspective gives it strategic importance.