

Module 3 European Studies through Digital European Law

Practical workshop No. 4

Topic 4: Digital Platforms and Tools for Accessing EU Legal Documents

Part 1: Key Digital Platforms for EU Legal Documents

1. **EUR-Lex: The Primary Database for EU Law**
    - Overview of **EUR-Lex** as the official source for EU treaties, directives, regulations, and case law.
    - Key features: **Search functionalities, multilingual access, document citation system.**
  2. **The Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU)**
    - Daily publication of **newly adopted EU laws, legislative proposals, and case law summaries.**
    - How businesses, policymakers, and researchers use the OJEU for compliance and reference.
  3. **EU Open Data Portal and European Data Protection Board (EDPB)**
    - Access to **open datasets** related to legal and policy developments.
    - GDPR-related legal documents and guidance from the **EDPB database.**
  4. **National Legal Portals and Their Role in Transposing EU Law**
    - How member states integrate EU directives into national legislation.
    - Examples: **Legifrance (France), Gov.uk (UK, pre-Brexit), RIS (Germany).**
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Part 2: Practical Use and Future Innovations in Digital Legal Access

1. **How to Navigate and Search for EU Legal Documents Online**
  - Step-by-step guide to using **EUR-Lex's search filters, document references, and legal summaries.**
  - Understanding CELEX numbers and document categorization.
2. **Case Study: Using Digital Platforms for Legal Research and Compliance**
  - How law firms, policymakers, and businesses track **new regulations and court decisions.**
  - Example: **Tracking updates on AI legislation and digital market regulations.**
3. **AI and Automation in Legal Document Access**
  - The role of **AI-powered legal research tools (e.g., Jureeka, LexisNexis AI, IBM Watson Legal).**
  - How **natural language processing (NLP)** improves legal document searches and translations.
4. **The Future of Digital Access to EU Legal Documents**
  - Potential of **blockchain for legal document verification.**
  - The impact of **open legal APIs** for integrating EU legal data into custom applications.

