

PSI in the EU: where do we stand ?

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Re-use of PSI in 2008

- PSI Directive Review
- OECD Recommendation
- PSI Alliance
- Proactive measures: UK, NL, SLOV, FR
- PSI related court cases in NL, IT



Re-use of PSI in 2008

- PSI re-use increasing (MICUS)
- Substitution of PSI
- Explosion of web 2.0/ user created content
- Sharing of information movement (OA, SEIS, Wikis, ...)



Commission legislative monitoring

- Monitoring implementation, conformity analysis, complaints
- Administrative bilateral cooperation => legislative changes in several MS
- Infringement procedures by Commission:
 - 1) **non-communication** of implementation measures:
 - 2005-2007: 15 MS concerned, 4 judgements of Court of Justice in 2007
 - 2) **non-conformity** cases, complaints
 - 2007=>; 2 Commission decisions on 16.10. 2008

Commission stimulating action to promote PSI re-use

- Coordination of MS policies (PSI Group), wider international cooperation (OECD)
- Synergies with other Commission activities (Digital Libraries, INSPIRE, SEIS)
- Exchange of good practices, networking across Europe
- Studies
- ePSIplus



Stakeholders Consultation

- 37 Responses – (More than 500 Contacts made)
- Diverging views from PSI Holders and re-users
- PSI Holders
 - PSI Directive has been positive (e.g. Introduced legal framework)
 - PSI Holders gradually becoming aware of Directive
 - PSI Directive has only recently been implemented
 - Let's implement and deploy measures
 - No need, so far, to enlarge scope
 - Too early to tell whether changes are necessary
 - Review in 3 years time



Stakeholders Consultation

- Reusers claim that they still face many problems when trying to re-use PSI as:
 - PSI is not available for re-use
 - PSI difficult to find
 - Charges are too high and not justified
 - Restrictive licensing agreements
 - Public task concerns
 - Limited awareness/co-operation from PSI Holders
 - No official redress mechanisms

PSI re-use potential largely unmet



Stakeholders Consultation

- Reusers “wish list” :
 - Make PSI re-use compulsory
 - Marginal Cost Pricing
 - Enlarge Scope
 - Independent Regulators (inc. redress mechanisms)
 - Address/limit public task PSI Holders
 - IARs/ PSI Portals
 - Clarifications (Reasonable rate of return, document, re-use, etc)



Key role of Member States

- Ensure correct implementation and application of PSI Directive
- Make PSI re-use a national policy
- Deployment measures that facilitate re-use
 - Establishment of bodies responsible for PSI (UK OPSI-)
 - Stimulate demand
 - Fair licences
 - Charging (marginal costs)
 - Formats
 - Conflict resolution mechanisms/Watchdog of PSCH
 - Cooperation with private sector
- UK approach to PSI re-use to be exported to the rest of EU MS



What can stakeholders/APPSI add?

- Make re-use a reality
- Raise awareness and political interest on PSI re-use
 - huge/misused business opportunities
- Show that market demand is there
- Explicit new rights for re-users => fight for them, challenge unfair practices, exploit current regulations
- APPSI to be exported to the rest of the EU?



Many thanks

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/psi/index_en.htm

