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Information on the publishing of official announcements online by EU countries

An official announcement is the publication of official judicial and governmental announcements which are not of a legislative nature or do not in any other sense contain binding rules, and which are published in electronic form in State Gazettes and/or Official Journals.

Many EU countries make their official announcements available online. However, the legal frameworks and practices affecting how this is done varies between countries. In order to assist in making these publications more accessible this section collects the information on how each EU country publishes their official announcements online

The content of the national pages reflects the situation within the specific EU country.

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Publication of official announcements - Denmark

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Official announcements are inserted into Statstidende and published at <https://statstidende.dk/>.

Until 14 October 2005 Statstidende was also published on paper.

Which types of announcements are published?

Specific compulsory announcements with legal effect for citizens, undertakings and authorities, as well as certain non-compulsory announcements, are published in Statstidende.

Among other things, announcements concerning estates of deceased persons (e.g. advertisement for creditors), estates in bankruptcy (e.g. bankruptcy orders), company reorganisations, writs and similar court summonses, sales by order of a court and elections and referendums are published.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Announcements from courts, lawyers, public institutions and private undertakings are published.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Access to both one-off and permanent searches is free of charge (see below).

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

Statstidende has been published electronically since 2000. As of 15 October 2005 Statstidende is published only in electronic form.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Permanent searches can be set up. This is free of charge, but requires registration as a user.

It is also possible to subscribe to the day's pdf version of Statstidende. On days on which Statstidende is published, an e-mail will therefore be received with the day's Statstidende in pdf format.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

Open data is available to everyone through REST search at <https://statstidende.dk>. Work on a technical enhancement of Statstidende is currently under way. In this connection, consideration is being given to whether this option should continue to be provided.

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Publication of official announcements - Germany

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

As Germany is a federal state, it is up to the Länder to publish their own official announcements. They have created their own web pages for this purpose.

The links to some of these can be found on the [Justice Portal of the Federal Government and the Länder \(Justizportal des Bundes und der Länder\)](#). The following information relates solely to Federal Government publications:

Publication	Scope of the publication
Federal Law Gazette (Bundesgesetzblatt)	Electronic copy of the official print version only
Federal Gazette (Bundesanzeiger)	Official section; Judicial section (in electronic format only)
Federal Tax Gazette (Bundessteuerblatt)	In both paper and electronic format
Joint Ministerial Gazette (Gemeinsames Ministerialblatt)	In both paper and electronic format
Transport Gazette (Verkehrsblatt)	In both paper and electronic format

Which types of announcements are published?

Publication	Types of announcements
Federal Law Gazette	Laws, international treaties, ordinances, announcements, injunctions, notices and certain decisions of the Federal Constitutional Court (Bundesverfassungsgericht)
Federal	Ordinances, other official announcements, tenders, guidelines and judicial notices. The judicial notices comprise court publications concerning the litigation register under the Capital Investors' Test Cases Act (Kapitalanleger-

Gazette	Musterverfahrensgesetz), public notifications, criminal cases, summons of persons and calls for documents, debarment rulings, securities cancellations and other decisions, summons of third parties, bankruptcies, insolvency proceedings and the register of anonymous and pseudonymous works
Federal Tax Gazette	Tax-related legal provisions and administrative orders, rulings by the Federal Fiscal Court (Bundesfinanzhof)
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Tax-related legal provisions and administrative orders, rulings by the Federal Fiscal Court (Bundesfinanzhof)
Transport Gazette	Official provisions on transport, calls for missing vehicle ownership and registration documents

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Publication	Publishing body
Federal Law Gazette	Federal authorities
Federal Gazette	Federal and Länder authorities, courts and public prosecutors
Federal Tax Gazette	Federal Ministry of Finance and the highest tax authorities in the Länder
Joint Ministerial Gazette	All federal ministries listed on the front page
Transport Gazette	All federal ministries, regulatory authorities in the Länder

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Publication	Free access
Federal Law Gazette	Yes (read only)
Federal Gazette	Yes
Federal Tax Gazette	Partially (not most recent and not older publications)
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Only to tables of contents
Transport Gazette	Titles of official announcements only (a fee must be paid to access content)

What types of searches can be made?

Publication	Types of searches
Federal Law Gazette	Free of charge: not available For a fee: full text search, search by citation, heading, abbreviation, issue date, year of promulgation and part
Federal Gazette	Term, part, date of publication, type of publication, publishing authority/court (administrative and judicial sections); reference, title (official section); file number (judicial section)
Federal Tax Gazette	Type of tax, type of document, sequence of rules, date, file number, document number, Land, subject/main principle, reference
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Edition, page number, year and full text search
Transport Gazette	Field, title, search terms, date, ordinance number

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

Publication	Date available
Federal Law Gazette	The electronic version of Federal Law Gazette Section 1 has been available at the same time as the print version since 1998; The electronic version of Federal Law Gazette Section 2 has been available at the same time as the print version since 1999 Possible to search all editions published since 23 May 1949
Federal Gazette	Individual publications since 30 August 2002 All publications since 1 April 2012
Federal Tax Gazette	Possible to search editions published since 1992
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Possible to search editions published since 1950
Transport Gazette	Possible to search editions published since 1947

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Publication	Auto-search	Open data
Federal Law Gazette	No	No
Federal Gazette	Only as an information service for a fee	No
Federal Tax Gazette	No	No
Joint Ministerial Gazette	No, only the publication date for the next edition	No
Transport Gazette	No	No

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Publication of official announcements - Estonia

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Important public announcements are published on the website of the official publication *Ametlikud Teadaanded* (Official Announcements). In some cases, legislation also requires the publication of announcements in newspapers.

The official online publication *Ametlikud Teadaanded* has been published only in electronic format since 1 July 2003. It is also a database incorporated into the State Information System. *Ametlikud Teadaanded* is available to all free of charge at <https://www.ametlikudteadaanded.ee/>.

Which types of announcements are published?

Notices, invitations and announcements which must be published by law or according to a regulation of the Government of the Republic or ministerial regulation.

Two types of announcements are published in *Ametlikud Teadaanded*:

announcements intended to inform a particular person and which, for privacy purposes, must not be reusable. Such announcements are subject to time limits of publication in *Ametlikud Teadaanded* and to restrictions on access after discontinuation of publication. Reusability requirements do not apply to such announcements;

announcements intended to inform everybody and which should be reusable in a machine-readable format.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Announcements required for the performance of the functions of State and local authorities and representatives of liberal professions (e.g. notaries, bailiffs) are published in *Ametlikud Teadaanded*. Announcements of private legal entities which must be published by law and which are published for public interest purposes, i.e. which are intended to inform the general public (e.g. division and dissolution of companies), are also published.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Access to all announcements published in *Ametlikud Teadaanded* is free of charge.

A State fee must be paid in order to publish an announcement in the interests of a private individual, for example, a notice of the loss of a document.

What types of searches can be made?

Published announcements can be searched by type, title, publisher and area of influence or using the full text search function.

The 'My Official Announcements' (*Minu Ametlikud Teadaanded*) service enables a person to subscribe to receive various types of announcements at their e-mail address and to view archived announcements regarding themselves, the publication of which has been discontinued. Publication of an announcement intended for a particular person is discontinued and the announcement is archived when publication has served its purpose. Publication of this type of announcement is also discontinued when the person confirms receipt of the announcement with their ID card, using the service 'My Official Announcements'.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

1 July 2003. The *Ametlikud Teadaanded* website also includes announcements published earlier on paper and intended to inform the general public.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

A person can subscribe to receive all announcements by e-mail and save announcements by using the 'My Official Announcements' service. Using the 'My Official Announcements' service requires authentication with the person's ID card or mobile ID. The 'My Official Announcements' service enables a person to view archived *Ametlikud Teadaanded* announcements concerning themselves and see who else has read archived announcements concerning them.

It is also possible to use URIs to search for and retrieve announcements in *Ametlikud Teadaanded*. The uniqueness of a URI depends on how many URI components are used. A URI can be used to open one or more published announcements in HTML format, which is similar to a search result, or as an XML or XML-RDF file.

Announcement URIs make it possible to open publicly available announcements which are not intended to be made known to a particular person and the publication of which has not been discontinued.

To use a URI, a web address corresponding to the publication data of the announcement of interest must be created.

More detailed instructions for URI-based searches are available at <https://www.ametlikudteadaanded.ee/avalik/uriotsing>.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

Announcements which are not intended to be made known to particular natural persons, i.e. announcements intended as information for the general public, are available as open data. Announcements which are no longer published and which have been archived are not available as open data.

Open data are downloadable in real time as URIs. The uniqueness of a URI depends on how many URI components are used. A URI can be used to open one or more published announcements in HTML format, which is similar to a search result, or as an XML or XML-RDF file. To use a URI, a web address corresponding to the publication data of the announcement of interest must be created.

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Publication of official announcements - Ireland

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Irish Government Publications website

Irish government publications from government departments and agencies, including news, press releases, and reports.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publications/>

Iris Oifigiúil

Iris Oifigiúil is the official means used by the Irish Government for announcing appointments to public offices and publishing proclamations, statutory instruments, appointment of receivers to companies, etc.

Prima Facie evidence of any proclamation, order, rule, regulation, bye-law, or other official document may be given in any legal proceedings by production of a copy of the Iris purported to contain such matter (Documentary Evidence Act 1925 ss.3-4). Notices in relation to many matters concerning companies must be published in the Iris within six weeks of the delivery to the Registrar of Companies. (S I No 163 of 1973; Companies Amendment Act 1983 s.55).


<https://www.irisofigiuil.ie/>

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Publication of official announcements - Greece

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

 **National Printing Office** (*Ethnikó Typografela*): announcements are published in the Government Gazette (*Efimerída tis Kyvérnisis*).

Bodies that have items printed by the National Printing Office pay a fee against the relevant costs or provide the consumables used. The costs are determined by a permanent three-member committee of officials of the Office set up for the purpose; the members are designated by the Special Secretary of the Office.

 **'Transparency'** (*Diávgeia*)

 **Supreme Court** (*Áreios Págos*)

 **Council of State** (*Symvoúlio tis Epikrateías*)

Which types of announcements are published?

National Printing Office: Article 7 of Law 3469/2006.

Transparency: Article 2 of Law 3861/2010.

Supreme Court: civil and criminal court judgments delivered in or after 2007.

Council of State: administrative court judgments.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

National Printing Office: Announcements are published by the body concerned, at the request of a public body or a body in the broader public sector.

Transparency: The announcements referred to in Article 2 of Law 3861/2010 are published on the Internet without delay by the body making the announcement.

Supreme Court: Announcements are published by the body concerned.

Council of State: Announcements are published by the body concerned.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Yes.

What types of searches can be made?

Searches for terms, words or key phrases, register numbers, judgment numbers, issue numbers, themes, categories, types, bodies, dates.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

National Printing Office: 1997

Transparency: 2010

Supreme Court: 2007

Council of State: 2016

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

No.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

Yes.

Each body is responsible for the functioning and content of the database of official announcements that it manages. Thus the repository and/or technical information are kept by the relevant bodies in their in-house databases.

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Publication of official announcements - Spain

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Official announcements are published in the various official gazettes corresponding to the different levels of central, regional and local government that make up Spain's Administration.

All gazettes have official, authentic versions published electronically, and provide database services that can be used to locate published announcements.

The websites are the following:

State:  <http://www.boe.es/>

17 autonomous communities and 2 autonomous cities: all websites can be accessed via  http://www.boe.es/legislacion/enlaces/boletines_autonomicos.php

Local authorities (provincial official gazettes): all websites can be accessed via  http://www.boe.es/legislacion/enlaces/boletines_provinciales.php

Which types of announcements are published?

administrative acts (personnel issues, administrative decisions, decisions making public various administrative actions)

public tender notices

unsuccessful notification announcements

certain announcements published by the courts.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

All public administrations, each in its corresponding official gazette.

The courts.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Yes.

What types of searches can be made?

free text (including names of individuals)

type

issuing organisation

date of issue

date of publication

official number.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

The law permitting electronic publication of official gazettes was adopted in 2007.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Yes, for the Spanish Official State Gazette and most of the official gazettes for the autonomous communities and cities. The function is not widely available for provincial official gazettes.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository or technical information be found?

The open data policy depends on each official gazette, some of which have open data and xml format.

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Publication of official announcements - Croatia

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Official announcements are published on the website of the Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia and on the e-Notice board of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia. All official announcements are publicly available in electronic form, but only the paper version of the document has legal validity, i.e. legal effect.

<https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/> (the Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia)

<https://e-oglasna.pravosudje.hr/> (the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia)

Which types of announcements are published?

Announcements regarding public procurement, e-auctions, concessions, competitions, job vacancies, notifications on companies, announcements by chambers, decisions on the initiation of bankruptcy and shortened bankruptcy proceedings, decisions on legal incapacity, liquidations, judicial and notary public announcements, entries in a court register, etc. are published on the e-Notice board.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Narodne novine d.d. (the Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia);

The e-Notice board of the Ministry of Justice also features different decisions made by courts and other competent authorities in bankruptcy proceedings (decisions on the initiation of bankruptcy proceedings, calls for hearings); the Ministry of Justice is competent for maintaining the IT system necessary for the functioning of the e-Notice board;

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Yes. It is free of charge.

What types of searches can be made?

It is possible to search the websites of the Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia using a term, date of announcement, type of announcement or specific area of announcement (e.g. exchange rate);

It is possible to search the e-Notice board using a file mark, a copy name, the subject that the advertisement refers to or a PIN.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

Announcements in electronic form have been published since January 2014 on the website of the Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia.

The e-Notice board software application was established, i.e. commissioned on 1 November 2014.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

The Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia has established a notification system for public announcements which refer to public procurement procedures (Electronic public procurement announcement tool) – the notifications for end users are sent to the email address or to a personalised electronic mailbox.

No user notification system has been established for announcements which are published on the e-Notice board. The exceptions are the Tax Administration (*Porezna uprava*) and the Financial Agency (*Financijska agencija*; FINA), for which the Ministry of Justice has established a web service through which those institutions can download data from the e-Notice board (several times) daily.

The official announcements are not available as open data.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

The official announcements are not available as open data.

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Publication of official announcements - Cyprus

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

They are published in hard copy format, which is the format with legal effect, and on the Internet, freely accessible at <http://www.mof.gov.cy/gpo>

Which types of announcements are published?

The following announcements are published: vacant posts in the public sector, public tenders, expropriations and requisitions, appointments, promotions and confirmation and revocation of appointments, retirements, appointments of office-holders' deputies, resignations, appointments of ministers, death notices, arrival, departure and deputisation for the President of the Republic, appointments of the President of the Republic, decisions of the Council of Ministers and of the Parliament, government and private members' bills, international agreements, departmental organisation charts, and announcements required by legislation, e.g. by the Companies Act

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

The State

Semi-governmental organisations

Local authorities

Individuals (lawyers) on the basis of the provisions of the Companies Act

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Yes

What types of searches can be made?

All contents which are published in the Cyprus Government Gazette (*Epísimi Efimerída*)

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

As of 10 December 2004

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

No

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

Official announcements are freely available as open data on the website of the Government Printing Office (*Kyvernitikó Typografeío*): <http://www.mof.gov.cy/gpo>

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Publication of official announcements - Latvia

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

In Latvia, official announcements are published in [Latvijas Vēstnesis](#), the official gazette of the Republic of Latvia..

Which types of announcements are published?

The following classes of notice are published in the official gazette:

- Activity reports
- Auctions
- Court judgments
- Doctoral theses
- Information concerning inheritances
- Information concerning privatisation
- Information from the commercial register
- Information from the register of enterprises
- Information from the register of European economic interest groupings
- Information from the register of political parties
- Information on competitions for posts
- Matrimonial property regimes
- Notices on territorial planning
- Notices to creditors
- Notices to settle liabilities
- Notices to shareholders and members
- Revocation of powers
- State Treasury
- Summonses to appear in court
- Supply and work execution orders
- Withdrawals of documents and of official stamps
- Miscellaneous notices

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

The official gazette publishes official announcements submitted by authorities and institutions or by individuals (entries in public registers, notices, announcements or information from public entities and their officials and from individuals) where the official publication of such announcements is provided for in legislation.

[List of laws and regulations providing for official publication.](#)

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Yes.

What types of searches can be made?

The search can be made by entering free text.

Results can be filtered by year of publication and class of notice.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

On the site of the official gazette <https://www.vestnesis.lv> the electronic version of all issues of the official gazette is available from the date of its first publication, namely 25 February 1993.

For documents that appeared up to 1 July 2012, the official publication is the one in the print version of the gazette.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

No.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

No, but the official announcements are available for re-use of information. [More on the re-use of the information published in the official gazette.](#)

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Publication of official announcements - Netherlands

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Official announcements are published on the website <https://officielebekendmakingen.nl/>. You can search for old announcements at <https://zoek.officielebekendmakingen.nl/>.

Which types of announcements are published?

All announcements that appear in the Netherlands' seven official journals are published on the above websites. New or amending legislation is published in the *Staatsblad* (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees). The *Staatscourant* (Government Gazette) is used to publish regulations, as well as announcements by government organisations if their inclusion in this publication is legally required. Treaties and other international agreements to which the Netherlands is a party are published in the *Tractatenblad* (Collection of treaties and conventions), while the *Provinciaal blad* (Provincial Gazette), *Gemeentebld* (Municipal Gazette) and *Waterschapsblad* (Water Authority Gazette) are used to publish regulations of and announcements by provincial, municipal and water authorities respectively. Lastly, the *Blad gemeenschappelijke regelingen* (Joint Local Authority Arrangements Gazette) is used to publish regulations of and announcements by partnerships between different public authorities.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

All organisations that are legally required to publish their announcements.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Yes, access to the official announcements is free of charge.

What types of searches can be made?

The current day's announcements can be viewed at <https://officielebekendmakingen.nl/>. Here you can filter your search by publication name only.

At <https://zoek.officielebekendmakingen.nl/> you can search for words in the title or text and filter your search by publication date, publication name, publishing organisation and subject (for which there is a fixed list of options).

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

1995.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Anyone can register for a notification service free of charge. Two types of service are available.

The standard notification service allows users to save a search request. They are then sent an email containing a hyperlink to every new document that meets the search criteria.

There is also a service called '*Berichten over uw buurt*' ('Notices about your neighbourhood'), which enables citizens to receive a daily email containing an overview of all notices published by regional and local authorities that are relevant to their own neighbourhood. They can define their 'own neighbourhood' by entering their postcode and a radius (in hundreds of metres).

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

The official announcements are freely available as open data via an SRU interface (SRU = Search/Retrieve via URL).

The handbook (and address) for this web service can be found at <https://www.koopoverheid.nl/documenten/instructies/2018/03/24/handleiding-open-data-webservice-van-overheid.nl---sru> (in Dutch only).

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Publication of official announcements - Austria

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

<https://www.justiz.gv.at>

<https://www.ediktsdatei.justiz.gv.at>

Which types of announcements are published?

The following types of announcements are published on the <http://www.justiz.gv.at/> website:

Reports

Expert opinions

Opinions

Evaluations

Circulars

Guidelines

Texts for consultation

Statutes

Statistics

Handbooks

Vacancy notices

Publication of appointments

The following announcements are published on the <http://www.edikte.justiz.gv.at/> website (*Ediktsdatei* – 'Edict file'):

Insolvency cases (bankruptcies, reorganisations, debt settlements)

Sales and leases in insolvency proceedings

Auctions ordered by the court

Property

Moveable assets

Judicial receivership

Voluntary auctions

Edicts and announcements in criminal proceedings

Announcements by the criminal courts

Criminal recovery procedure

Delivery notifications in criminal proceedings

Termination of investigations

Public notices

Court-appointed administrators and service by public announcement

Cancellation of securities
Death certificates/proof of cause of death
Edicts in probate proceedings
Edicts under the Custody and Sequestration Act (*Verwahrungs- und Einziehungsgesetz*)
Residents' representation under Section 8 of the Nursing Home Residence Act (*Heimaufenthaltsgesetz*)
Patients' ombudsmen under Section 13 of the Hospitalisation Act (*Unterbringungsgesetz*)
Service by public announcement to legal persons
Service by public announcement by the Commercial Courts (*Firmenbuchgerichte*)
Announcements by Commercial Courts
Edicts by Land Registry Courts (*Grundbuchengerichte*)
Decisions of the Restrictive Practices Court (*Kartellgericht*)
Publications by companies

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

By the Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice
By courts, public prosecutors, lawyers and notaries

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Yes

What types of searches can be made?

The Ministry of Justice's home page (<http://www.justiz.gv.at/>) offers a simple word search which checks all documents on the website. All categories on the *Ediktsdatei* website (<http://www.edikte.justiz.gv.at/>) offer the option of a word search. In addition, for several categories of announcements users can search by file number. For auctions a search by object is also available. These are just some examples of search types as there is such a wide variety of search options across the various categories.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

The website of the Ministry of Justice (<http://www.justiz.gv.at/>) and the *Ediktsdatei* website (<http://www.edikte.justiz.gv.at/>) have been online since 2000.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

No

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

The announcements on the *Ediktsdatei* website are freely available and can also be processed subsequently as HTML files (there is no copy protection). A licence can also be obtained under the Re-use of Public Information Act (*Informationsweiterverwendungsgesetz – IWG*). The data are currently unavailable in open data format.

The publications on <http://www.justiz.gv.at/> predominantly relate to existing documents in PDF format. There are some MS Word documents, although this is rare. All are published as part of the WCMS (Web Content Management System) and are freely available HTML pages. The documents are available for download as attachments on the HTML pages.

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Publication of official announcements - Portugal

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

They are published on the website of the Portuguese official gazette, the [\[pt\]](#) (*Diário da República Eletrónico*).

What types of announcements are published?

Seven types of official announcements are published in the *Diário da República*:

1. OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS PUBLISHED IN SERIES 1 OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE

[\[pt\]](#) **Constitution of the Portuguese Republic**

[\[pt\]](#) **Law No 43/2014** (publication, identification and form of legal acts to be published in the *Diário da República*).

2. OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS PUBLISHED IN SERIES 2 OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE

[\[pt\]](#) **Decree-Law No 4/2015** (Code of Administrative Procedure)

[\[pt\]](#) **Decree-Law No 149/2015** (establishing the legal framework for the protection of intangible cultural heritage)

[\[pt\]](#) **Decree-Law No 148/2015** (establishing the system for the classification and recording of culturally valuable movable property and the rules applicable to the export, shipping, import and admission of movable cultural property):

[\[pt\]](#) **Law No 35/2014** (General Law on Employment in the Public Sector)

[\[pt\]](#) **Decree-Law No 83-A/2014** (establishing the system for the selection, recruitment and mobility of teaching staff in pre-school, primary and secondary public education establishments of the Ministry of Education)

[\[pt\]](#) **Decree-Law No 137/2012** (legal framework on the autonomy, administration and management of pre-school, elementary and secondary teaching establishments)

[\[pt\]](#) **Law No 24/2012 (Framework Law on Foundations)**

[\[pt\]](#) **Decree-Law No 11/2012** (establishing the nature, composition, organisation and legal framework of the offices of government officials)

[\[pt\]](#) **Decree-Law No 12/2012** (establishing the nature, composition, organisational and legal structure of the Office of the Prime Minister)

[\[pt\]](#) **Ministerial Implementing Order (Portaria) No 145-A/2011** (governing procedures for the selection of candidates for public office)

[\[pt\]](#) **Decree-Law No 309/2009** (establishing the procedure for the classification of culturally valuable immovable property and the system for protected areas and detailed safeguard plan)

[\[pt\]](#) **Law No 107/2001** (establishing the basic policy and arrangements for the protection and promotion of cultural heritage)

[\[pt\]](#) **Decree-Law No 353/2007** (establishing the procedure for demarcation of the public water resources)

[\[pt\]](#) **Decree-Law No 226-A/2007** (establishing arrangements for the utilisation of water resources)

- [Decree-Law No 200/2006](#) (general system for the dissolution, merger and restructuring of services and streamlining of staff)
- [Law No 54/2005](#) (establishing the ownership of water resources), as amended by [Law No 78/2013](#) and [Law No 34/2014](#).
- [Law No 4/2004](#) (establishing the principles and rules to be followed by direct state administration).
- [Law No 3/2004](#) (Framework Law on Public Institutes).
- [Law No 2/2004](#) (Approving the Statute applicable to managerial staff of the services and bodies of the central, regional and local state administration).
- [Decree-Law No 154/2003](#) (governing the application of the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Consultation between the Portuguese Republic and the Federative Republic of Brazil).
- [Law No 13/99](#) (legal rules applicable to electoral registers).
- [Decree-Law No 291/90](#) (establishing the metrological control system for measuring methods and instruments) and [Ministerial Implementing Order No 962/90](#) (approving the General Regulation on Metrological Control)
- [Decree-Law No 498/72](#) (Reform Statute)
- [Decree-Law No 42945 of 26 April 1960](#) (approving the Statute on the Armed Forces Pension Fund), as amended by [Decree-Law No 44301 of 10 May 1962](#) and by [Decree-Law No 434-G/82 of 29 October 1982](#)
- [Decree-Law No 26852 of 30 July 1936](#) (regulation on licenses for electrical installations).

3. OFFICIAL JUDICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS PUBLISHED IN SERIES 2 OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE

- [Law No 43/2014](#) (publication, identification and form of legal acts)
- [Decree-Law No 83/2016](#) (establishing free access to the *Diário da República* as a universal public service)
- [Legislative Order No 15/2016](#) (Regulation on the Publication of Acts in the *Diário da República*)
- [Decree-Law No 177/2000](#) (legal rules applicable to the administrative management of higher courts)
- [Decree-Law No 74/2002](#) (organisation of Supreme Court of Justice services)
- [Decree-Law No 545/99](#) (organisation of Constitutional Court services)
- [Organic Law No 2/2005](#) (organisation and functioning of the Political Financing and Accounts Authority)
- [Decree-Law No 188/2000](#) (organisation and composition of the Support Office to the President of the Supreme Court of Justice and of the Office of the President of the Supreme Administrative Court)
- [Decree-Law No 73/2002](#) (organisation of Supreme Administrative Court services)
- [Law No 35/2014](#) (General Law on Employment in the Public Sector)
- [Law No 98/97](#) (Law on the Organisation and Procedures of the Court of Auditors)
- [Decree-Law No 440/99](#) (support services of the Court of Auditors)
- [Decree-Law No 343/99](#) (Statute of Judicial Officials)
- [Law No 21/85](#) (Statute of Judicial Court Judges)
- [Law No 62/2013](#) (Law on the Organisation of the Judicial System)
- [Decree-Law No 49/2014](#) (implementing Law No 62/2013 of 26 August 2013 (Law on the Organisation of the Judicial System) and establishing the arrangements applicable to the organisation and operation of the courts.
- [Decree-Law No 214-G/2015](#) (republishing the Code of Procedure in Administrative Courts and the Statute of Administrative and Tax Courts)
- [Law No 83/95](#) (law on the right to participate in proceedings and actions brought by natural or legal persons)
- [Law No 2/2004](#) (Statute of managerial staff of the services and bodies of the central, regional and local state administration).
- [Decree-Law No 4/2015](#) (Code of Administrative Procedure)
- [Decree-Law No 545/99](#) (Composition and Functioning of the Secretariat and Support Services of the Constitutional Court).

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT PUBLISHED IN SERIES 1 OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE

- [Constitution of the Portuguese Republic](#)
- [Law No 28/82](#) [Organisation, Functioning and Procedures of the Constitutional Court] (consolidated version in English available [here](#))
- [Law No 43/2014](#) (publication, identification and form of legal acts to be published in the *Diário da República*).

5. JUDGMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT AND OF THE COURT OF AUDITORS PUBLISHED IN SERIES 2 OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE

- [Law No 28/82](#) (Organisation, Functioning and Procedures of the Constitutional Court; consolidated version in English available [here](#))
- [Law No 98/97](#) (Organisation and Procedures of the Court of Auditors).

6. JUDGMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT, OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE, OF THE SUPREME ADMINISTRATIVE COURT AND OF THE COURT OF AUDITORS PUBLISHED IN SERIES 1 OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE

- [Constitution of the Portuguese Republic](#)
- [Law No 28/82](#) (Organisation, Functioning and Procedures of the Constitutional Court; consolidated version in English available [here](#))
- [Law No 98/97](#) (Organisation and Procedures of the Court of Auditors)

[Code of Civil Procedure](#)

[Code of Penal Procedure](#)

[Code of Procedure of the Administrative Courts](#).

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE SUPREME ADMINISTRATIVE COURT, NORTE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE COURT AND SUL CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE COURT (PUBLISHED IN SERIES 1 OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE)

[Code of Procedure of the Administrative Courts](#).

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Official government and judicial announcements are published by the seven types of public organisation listed below:

1. (PUBLISHED IN SERIES 1 OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE):

Official government announcements published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and relating to the instruments included in International Agreements and Conventions, pursuant to Article 119(1)(b), final segment, of the Constitution of the Portuguese Republic, Article 3(2)(b), final segment, and Article 8(1)(s) of [Law No 43/2014](#).

2. (PUBLISHED IN SERIES 2 OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE):

Official government announcements published in series 2 of the Official Gazette and relating to administrative procedures, pursuant to [Law No 35/2014](#) (General Law on Employment in the Public Sector) and [Ministerial Implementing Order No 145-A/2011](#).

Official government announcements relating to the change in remuneration position to the salary position immediately succeeding the respective original category through the continued exercise of management functions in public administration, pursuant to [Law No 2/2004](#) (Statute for managerial staff of the services and bodies of the central, regional and local state administration).

Official government communications concerning the commencement of disciplinary proceedings against a public sector employee, with unknown whereabouts, to submit their defence and subsequent application of the disciplinary penalty, pursuant to [Law No 35/2014](#) (General Law on Employment in the Public Sector).

Official government announcements relating to the re-organisation of bodies or services through dissolution, merger and restructuring, pursuant to [Law No 35/2014](#) (General Law on Employment in the Public Sector) and [Decree-Law No 200/2006](#) (general system for the dissolution, merger and restructuring of public services and streamlining of staff).

Official government communications relating to the publication of the statutes of the works committees of public administration employees, pursuant to [Law No 35/2014](#) (General Law on Employment in the Public Sector).

Official government announcements relating to the system for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, including safeguard measures and legal protection procedures, pursuant to [Decree-Law No 149/2015](#).

Official government communications relating to the protection and promotion of cultural heritage (pursuant to [Law No 107/2001](#)) and the system for the classification and recording of culturally valuable movable property, as well as the rules applicable to the export, shipping, import and admission of movable cultural property (pursuant to [Decree-Law No 148/2015](#)).

Official government announcements relating to the procedure for classifying culturally valuable immovable property, and the system for protected areas and the detailed safeguard plan, pursuant to [Decree-Law No 309/2009](#).

Official government communications relating to the system for the use of water resources, pursuant to [Decree-Law No 226-A/2007](#).

Official government announcements relating to the ownership of water resources and the procedure for the demarcation of the public water resource, pursuant to [Law No 54/2005](#) (as amended by [Law No 78/2013](#) and by [Law No 34/2014](#) and [Decree-Law No 353/2007](#)).

Official government announcements relating to the recruitment and selection of pre-school teaching staff and elementary and secondary teaching staff, in accordance with [Decree-Law No 83-A/2014](#).

Official government communications relating to the autonomy, administration and management of public establishments for pre-school teaching and elementary and secondary teaching, pursuant to [Decree-Law No 137/2012](#).

Official government communications relating to the obligation concerning public consultation of draft regulations for collecting suggestions and contributions, pursuant to the Code of Administrative Procedure, approved by [Decree-Law No 4/2015](#).

Official government communications relating to acts of delegation or subdelegation of powers of the delegating or sub-delegating body to the delegated or sub-delegated body, in accordance with the Code of Administrative Procedure, approved by [Decree-Law No 4/2015](#).

Official government announcements relating to the licensing of electrical installations for the production, transport, conversion, distribution or use of electrical energy, pursuant to the Electrical Installation Licensing Regulation, approved by [Decree-Law No 26852](#) of 30 July 1936.

Official government announcements relating to [the Corporate Income Tax Code \(Código do Imposto sobre o Rendimento das Pessoas Colectivas\)](#) and [the Personal Income Tax Code \(Código do Imposto sobre o Rendimento das Pessoas Singulares\)](#).

Official government communications relating to the senior management of the services and bodies of the Central, Regional and Local Government Administration, pursuant to [Law No 2/2004](#).

Official government communications relating to the senior management of the boards of directors of public institutions of indirect state administration, pursuant to [Law No 3/2004](#) (Framework Law on Public Institutes).

Official government announcements relating to the organisation, structure and functioning of direct state administration, pursuant to [Law No 4/2004](#).

Official government announcements relating to the number of voters registered on the electoral register, pursuant to [Law No 13/99](#) (legal rules applicable to electoral registers).

Official government communications relating to the state business sector, pursuant to [Decree-Law No 133/2013](#).

Official government communications relating to the recognition and dissolution of Portuguese foundations and foreign foundations that conduct their activity in the national territory, pursuant to [Law No 24/2012](#) (Framework law on Foundations).

Official government communications relating to the composition, organisation and legal framework to which the institutions of government officials are subject, pursuant to [Decree-Law No 11/2012](#).

Official government communications relating to the composition, organisational structure and legal framework of the Office of the Prime Minister, in accordance with [Decree-Law No 12/2012](#).

Official government communications relating to the authorisation of heirs to the subsidies granted by members of the Armed Forces Security Fund, pursuant to [Decree-Law No 42945 of 26 April 1960](#), as amended by [Decree-Law No 44331](#) of 10 May 1962 and by [Decree-Law No 434-G/82](#) of 29 October 1982.

Official government communications relating to the Public Reform Statute, in accordance with [Decree-Law No 498/72](#).

Official government communications relating to the granting of equal rights and duties to Brazilian citizens residing in Portugal, pursuant to [Decree-Law No 154/2003](#).

Official government communications relating to the metrological control of measurement instruments and methods involved in commercial, fiscal or wage operations, or used in the fields of health, safety, or energy saving, as well as test benches, pursuant to [Decree-Law No 291/90](#) of 20 September 1990, and [Ministerial Implementing Order No 962/90](#) of 9 October 1990.

3. (PUBLISHED IN SERIES 2 OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE)

Official judicial communications on administrative matters relating to the organisation and management of the courts, and published in series 2 of the Official Gazette.

Official judicial communications relating to summons of interested parties (or against interested parties) by the administrative and tax court (*tribunal administrativo e fiscal*) in proceedings brought by the claimant and published in series 2 of the Official Gazette, in accordance with the Code of Procedure of Administrative Courts.

Official judicial announcements relating to the infringement of competition rules, and published in series 2 of the official gazette, pursuant to [Law No 19/2012](#) (legal framework on competition).

4. (PUBLISHED IN SERIES 1 OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE)

Official judicial communications relating to the obligation to publish statements of the Constitutional Court in series 1 of the Official Gazette, pursuant to [Law No 28/82](#) (Organisation, Functioning and Procedures of the Constitutional Court; consolidated version in English available [here](#)) and [law No 43/2014](#) (publication, identification and form of legal acts).

5. (PUBLISHED IN SERIES 2 OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE)

Decisions of the Constitutional Court and of the Court of Auditors in which the law orders publication in series 2 of the Official Gazette, pursuant to [Law No 28/82](#) (Organisation, Functioning and Procedures of the Constitutional Court) and [Law No 98/97](#) (Organisation and Procedures of the Court of Auditors).

6. (PUBLISHED IN SERIES 1 OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE)

Decisions of the Constitutional Court, of the Supreme Court of Justice, of the Supreme Administrative Court and of the Court of Auditors, where Article 119(3) of the [Constitution of the Portuguese Republic](#) orders publication for the purposes of legal effect and publication in series 1 of the Official Gazette, pursuant to [the Law on Organisation, Functioning and Procedures of the Constitutional Court](#), the [Law on Organisation and Procedures of the Court of Auditors](#), the [Code of Civil Procedure](#), the [Code of Penal Procedure](#), and the [Code of Procedure of Administrative Courts](#).

7. (PUBLISHED IN SERIES 1 OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE)

Announcements of the Supreme Administrative Court, Norte Central Administrative Court and Sul Central Administrative Court, which must be published in series 1 of the Official Gazette, pursuant to the principle of parallel or identical forms of publication, provided for in Article 81 of the [Code of Procedure of Administrative Courts](#): the act of summoning the interested parties (or interested counterparties) must be published in the same series of the Official Gazette in which the disputed act was published.

Is access to the official announcements free?

Yes. Pursuant to Articles 1 and 3 of [Decree-Law No 83/2016](#) (approving the public service of universal free access to the *Diário da República*).

What types of searches can be made?

Users may freely research all content published in series 1 and 2 of the [Diário da República](#). Users have two search criteria they can use:

Generic searches (e.g. Google), typing the text into the search field;

Advanced searches, using the search fields selected by the user.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

Since 1 July 2006, the electronic edition of the *Diário da República* has been authentic, and the publication of acts therein has been valid for all legal purposes, pursuant to Article 1(5) of Law No 74/98 of 11 November 1998 (as amended and republished by [Law No 43/2014](#) of 11 July 2014).

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Yes. Users can access [the website of the official gazette](#) and subscribe free of charge to a daily newsletter, selecting pre-defined keywords or publications in the search fields to receive information that meets their criteria.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

The official announcements are not available as open data because we have not yet provided a repository with all the information in a structured format for reuse.

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Publication of official announcements - Romania

The information on this page concerns the official announcements issued by public institutions (notices, procedural acts etc.), which are not legislative in nature or which do not establish generally applicable obligations, but which are published in the Official Gazette of Romania or in other publications, and are available online in electronic form, in accordance with the applicable law. Thus, neither legislative acts nor court judgments are considered, except for those which must be published in order to acquire a certain legal effect (e.g. insolvency-related court judgments).

The material is not exhaustive, as it approaches certain relevant cases from the viewpoint of publication of official announcements, more specifically: acts published in the Official Gazette of Romania, acts published on the portal and website of the National Trade Register (*Oficiul Național al Registrului Comerțului*) or in the Insolvency Bulletin, and acts published on the Portal of Courts.

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

I. The Official Gazette of Romania

The "Monitorul Oficial" Autonomous Company publishes the Official Gazette of Romania in both printed and electronic format. For details on the published acts, and on their online availability, please see the following sections.

The e-product (e-Monitor) is available at [this address](#).

II. The National Trade Register (ONRC)

a) Before they start their economic activity, professionals have the obligation to apply for registration/listing in the trade register, and during their operation of business or upon termination of business, they must request the addition of notes to the trade register as regards the acts and facts the registration of which is required by the law.

Registration in the trade register means legal publication by ONRC: the records, data and registered acts have effect vis-à-vis third parties as from their registration date or publication in the Official Gazette of Romania or on the website/services portal of ONRC under the law.

Registration and notes have effect vis-à-vis third parties as from their entry to the trade register or publication in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part IV or VII, or in another publication, where otherwise provided for by the law.

[The ONRC website](#)

[The ONRC services portal](#)

b) ONRC also publishes the Insolvency Bulletin in electronic format: the section which provides the public service for the service of documents to parties, the communication of judgments, the convocation and notification of procedural acts issued by courts/insolvency administrators/court-appointed liquidators/other authorised persons under the insolvency proceedings in accordance with Law No 85/2014 on insolvency preventing procedures and insolvency proceedings, as subsequently amended and supplemented, and the section "Debtors - natural persons with obligations not arising from the operation of business" (*Debitori - persoane fizice cu obligații ce nu decurg din exploatarea unei întreprinderi*) in accordance with Law No 151/2015 on insolvency proceedings for natural persons.

For *professionals* covered by Law No 85/2014 on insolvency preventing procedures and insolvency proceedings, as subsequently amended and supplemented, the procedural acts served/sent by courts, insolvency practitioners (insolvency administrators/court-appointed liquidators), and by other authorised persons under the law are published in the *Insolvency Bulletin*, a publication available on the [online services portal of ONRC](#).

The judgment ascertaining the debtor's (professional's) reorganisation plan, as a procedural act, under Law No 85/2014 on insolvency preventing procedures and insolvency proceedings, as subsequently amended and supplemented, is published in Part IV of the Official Gazette of Romania.

For *natural persons* covered by Law No 151/2015 on insolvency proceedings for natural persons, the procedural acts served/delivered by the insolvency board, the procedural administrator, the liquidator and the court authorities are published in the section “Debtors - natural persons with obligations not arising from the operation of a business” of the Insolvency Bulletin, a publication available on the website <http://www.bpi.ro/>.

III. The Courts Portal

[The Courts Portal](#) is administered by the Ministry of Justice. Each court in Romania has a website on this portal. The information on these websites is entered and maintained directly by the court staff, except for the information about cases and meetings, which is automatically taken from the electronic case management system used at court level.

In order to access a website of a particular court from the [home page](#) of the Courts Portal, the region to which that court pertains (which is the jurisdictional area of a court of appeal) and then that court from the list are selected.

Which types of announcements are published?

I. The Official Gazette of Romania

In terms of official announcements, in accordance with Law No 202 of 9 November 1998 on the organisation of the Official Gazette of Romania, as republished:

The following are published in Part III, on grounds of legal provisions: legal acts, documents, notifications, announcements and others alike (e.g. staff recruitment announcements; competitions for public job vacancies; judgments concerning the cancellation of the bill of exchange/cheque; the regular activity report of public authorities; notices on the entry competition for the National Magistracy Institute (*Institutul Național al Magistraturii*), the competence examination for magistrates and the list of vacancies for magistrates; the notice for competition for assistant magistrate job vacancies at the High Court of Cassation and Justice etc.);

On grounds of legal provisions, legal acts, which concern economic operators and other categories of legal persons, as well as other acts established under legal provisions, are published in Part IV (e.g. the decision for recognition in Romania of foreign non-profit legal persons; judgments approving the modification of the political party statute; the tribunal's decision to initiate bankruptcy proceedings; the auction notices for sale of goods; the end of the validity period of the authorisation of a credit institution and the decision of the National Bank of Romania to withdraw the authorisation; the decisions of the general director of the Romanian Copyright Office to withdraw or suspend the registration certificate etc.)

the collective agreement concluded at national and branch level, the conventions and recommendations of the International Labour Organisation, and other acts established under legal provisions, are published in Part V;

contract award notices under public procurement and award notices for public works and services concession contracts, public supply concession contracts and other notices established under legal provisions (e.g. notices under Law No 350/2005 on the regime of grants; concessions – contract notices under Emergency Order No 54/2006 on the regime of public supply concession contracts).

Note: in accordance with Law No 98/2016 on public procurement, notices are published at national level through the [SEAP](#) e-procurement system which is used for the purpose of applying the award procedures through electronic means.

On grounds of legal provisions, legal acts concerning cooperatives and other categories of legal persons established by cooperatives, and other acts related to cooperation, as established under legal provisions (e.g. the delegate judge's conclusion for registration of the cooperative in the trade register, the liquidators' designation act, and any other act which might bring changes to their personality etc.) are published in Part VII.

II. The National Trade Register (ONRC)

a) With regard to *professionals registered in the Trade Register*:

the extract of the resolution/the registration resolution (Official Gazette of Romania, Part IV or VII);

acts amending instruments of incorporation and notifications on the submission of the updated instrument of incorporation (Official Gazette of Romania);

judgments, for the cases provided for by the law (Official Gazette of Romania);

court decisions ruling on dissolution (in Part IV of the Official Gazette of Romania and on the website of the National Trade Register or on its online services portal);

liquidator designation resolutions under Article 237(6) of Law No 31/1990 on companies (on the website of the National Trade Register and on its online services portal);

merger/break-up projects (in Part IV of the Official Gazette of Romania or, at the applicant's choice, on the own website of the company and, in this case, the trade register where the company is registered will publish the merger or break-up project on its own website free of charge);

the resolutions rejecting the registration application and the registrations not resulting in the amendment of the instrument of incorporation (on the website of the National Trade Register or on its online services portal);

the list of companies for which the National Trade Register is to file actions for dissolution in accordance with Article 237(2) of Law No 31/1990 on companies (the website or the online services portal);

the list of companies for which the National Trade Register is to file actions for removal in accordance with Article 237(9) of Law No 31/1990 on companies (the website of the National Trade Register or the online services portal);

the list of companies for which the National Trade Register is to file actions for removal in accordance with Article 260(7) of Law No 31/1990 is posted on the website of the National Trade Register or on its online services portal;

the tribunal's decisions ruling the removal under Article 237(10) of Law No 31/1990 on companies (on the website of the National Trade Register or on its online services portal);

the tribunal's decisions ruling the removal under Article 260(8) of Law No 31/1990 on companies (on the website of the National Trade Register and on its online services portal).

b) For *professionals* covered by Law No 85/2014 on insolvency prevention procedures and insolvency proceedings, as subsequently amended and supplemented, the following procedural acts issued by courts, insolvency practitioners (the insolvency administrator/court-appointed liquidator) and other authorised persons are published in the Insolvency Bulletin in accordance with the law:

summons to appear, notices and judgments;

convocations and notifications;

other procedural acts provided for by the law.

For *natural persons* covered by Law No 151/2015 on the insolvency proceedings for natural persons, the following procedural acts served/delivered by the insolvency board, the insolvency administrator, the liquidator and the court authorities are published in Section “*Debtors – natural persons with obligations not arising from the operation of a business*” of the Insolvency Bulletin:

decisions of the insolvency board;

notices;

judgments;

other procedural acts provided for by the law.

III. The Courts Portal

In accordance with Article 167 of the Code of Civil Procedure (Law No 134/2010), when the claimant alleges, on a reasoned basis, that, although they had done everything they could, they could not find out the defendant's domicile or another place where the latter could be served under the law, the court will be able to approve the service of documents with regard to that defendant by publicity. The service by publicity consists in displaying the writ of summons on the court's door, *on the portal of the competent court* and at the last known domicile of the person served. Where it deems necessary, the court will order and publish the writ of summons in the Official Gazette of Romania or in a widespread central newspaper.

In this respect, a [general section dedicated to service by publicity](#) is operated on the Courts Portal. Also, the website of each court also hosts a section dedicated to service by publicity (see, for example, [the website of Bucharest Tribunal](#)).

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Depending on the legislation applicable to each type of announcement, the Official Gazette of Romania or the issuing institutions.

With regard to the particular cases presented above: The National Trade Register, the Official Gazette of Romania or the courts.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

I. The Official Gazette of Romania

The acts published in Parts III-VII of the Official Gazette of Romania are accessible free of charge on the Internet and available in the reading form for ten days from their publication.

The products in electronic form available online for a consideration (Expert-Monitor and Autentic-monitor), including the charges applied by the "Monitorul Oficial" Autonomous Company, are described on the [website](#) thereof.

II. The National Trade Register (ONRC)

a) Yes, the announcements related to professionals registered with the Trade Register on the [portal of the National Trade Register](#).

b) Access to the Insolvency Bulletin, the online publication with published procedural acts of professionals going into insolvency in accordance with Law No 85/2014 on the insolvency preventing procedures and the insolvency proceedings, is granted under a paid subscription.

Access to the section "*Debtors – natural persons with obligations not arising from the operation of a business*" of the Insolvency Bulletin is granted free of charge to the debtor, the creditors, the insolvency administrator/liquidator, the insolvency board, and the court in the case where they hold such position.

The [ONRC online services portal](#) displays a series of free information about the persons published in the Insolvency Bulletin.

III. The Courts Portal

Access to the Courts Portal is free.

What types of searches can be made?

I. The Official Gazette of Romania

In the free version of the Official Gazette of Romania ([e-Monitor](#)) no automatic searches of published acts can be performed. Thus, users only have the option of selecting, via a calendar, the publication date and number of the Official Gazette (for each Part).

II. The National Trade Register (ONRC)

a) In regard to the *professionals registered in the Trade Register*, searches may be performed according to one or a maximum combination of the following search criteria:

Trade register number

County

Company name

Publication date

Tax code

Balance sheet year

b) With regard to the *debtors under the insolvency proceedings*, the searches may be performed in the Section "*Insolvency Bulletin (BPI) Online Services*" (*Servicii online BPI*), in the sub-sections "*Persons published in BPI*" (*Persoane publicate in BPI*) and "*BPI Number Summary*" (*Sumar număr BPI*), by using the following selection criteria:

the person published in BPI;

the bulletin number;

the case number;

the tax registration number;

registered business number;

publication period;

year of publication in BPI.

III. The Courts Portal

Writs of summons may be searched on the Courts Portal by the name (forename and name or just one of these elements) of the summoned party.

If the [general section](#) of the Courts Portal is used, the search results will be writs of summons published by all courts, and if a section dedicated to a particular court is used (e.g. [the Bucharest Tribunal](#)), the search results will be only writs of summons published by that court.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

I. The Official Gazette of Romania

[e-Monitor](#) – 2008

II. The National Trade Register (ONRC)

a) With regard to professionals registered in the Trade Register, 2012.

b) The National Trade Register published the first issue of the Insolvency Bulletin in electronic format on 1 August 2006 and it can be viewed on the [ONRC online services portal](#).

III. The Courts Portal

The facility regarding the service of documents by publicity has been available on the [Courts Portal](#) since March 2013.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Not applicable

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

The Courts Portal allows for [scheduled access](#) only to sets of data regarding case files and meetings, **not** to the service of documents by publicity. The information on the latter is available only in HTML format.

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Publication of official announcements - Finland

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

 [Kuulutusrekisteri \(announcement register\)](#)

 [Virallinen lehti \(Official Gazette\)](#)

Which types of announcements are published?

The **announcement register** is updated with information about announcements based on decisions by courts or authorities concerning:

public summonses:

proof of debt in bankruptcy;

commencement of reorganisation proceedings;

merger, demerger or division of funds of a joint-stock company, or other measure or decision referred to in the legislation on communities and foundations, which must be announced in the Official Gazette; or

bailliff's announcements.

The **Official Gazette** publishes the notifications, announcements and other documents that are required to be published in the Official Gazette by an act, decree or other decisions issued by a lower court.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

The **announcement register** is updated with information about public summonses issued by district courts, as well as proofs of debt in bankruptcy or reorganisation. Announcements made by other authorities which are added to the register include public summonses issued by trade register authorities, announcements of mergers and demergers of companies and announcements related to the sales of distrained assets published by distraint authorities: discussion about division of assets, forming of creditors' agreements and correspondence with creditors.

The **Official Gazette** publishes notifications, announcements and other documents issued by various organisations.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Announcement register: yes

Official Gazette: PDF copies have been free of charge since 2011. A database maintained by  [Credita](#) is subject to a charge:

One user, price per licence: EUR 185 pa, 2–5 users, price per licence: EUR 135 pa, over 5 users, price per licence: EUR 115 pa

What types of searches can be made?

Entries in the **announcement register** can be searched using the following parameters:

Announcement type

Subject of announcement

Business ID / date of birth / year of birth

Due date

Domicile

Case number issued by district court

An unrestricted keyword search is available in the paid database of the **Official Gazette**.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

Announcement register: 1 April 2004

Official Gazette: since 2011

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Announcement register: no

Official Gazette: Searches can be saved and notifications received via email when using the paid database.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

Not available as open data.

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