

## Questionnaire on the organisation and operation of Official Gazettes in the EU

### (18b) Answers by the 'Wiener Zeitung', Austria

#### I. Organisational data

AT		<b><u>1. Identification and contact person(s)</u></b>
1.1	<b>Organisation:</b>	Wiener Zeitung GmbH Viennese Newspaper Ltd
		There are subsidiary companies to The Wiener Zeitung GmbH (Wiener Zeitung Digitale Publikationen GmbH, VOeH Internetdienste GmbH & Co KG, auftrag.at ausschreibungsservice GmbH & Co KG) carrying out some of the services described in this Questionnaire. As all subsidiary companies are controlled by the Wiener Zeitung GmbH (as the sole or main shareholder), all services are referred to the Wiener Zeitung GmbH.
1.3	<b>Address :</b>	Wiedner Gürtel 10 A-1040 Vienna Austria

1.5	<b>Internet :</b>	www.wienerzeitung.at www.digipub.at www.auftrag.at www.oesterreich.at
AT		<b><u>2. Data on the organisation and its overall tasks</u></b>
2.1	<b>Form and nature:</b>	- private company owned by the government
		The Wiener Zeitung GmbH is owned by 100 % by the Republic of Austria, represented by the Federal Chancellor of Austria (Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria).
2.2	<b>Legal basis for publishing:</b>	- a specific law
		§ 1(4) Staatsdruckereigesetz 1996, § 1(2) Zif 2 Spaltungsgesetz
		§ 1(4) Stately Printing Agency Law 1996, § 1(2) Zif 2 Demerger Law
2.3	<b>Year of the found.:</b>	1998
		The history of the Wiener Zeitung (Viennese Newspaper) dates back to 1703, which makes it one of the oldest newspapers in the world. As of 1857 it has also the function of an Official Gazette. The Wiener Zeitung GmbH an independent company was founded in 1998 after a demerger from the Stately Printing Agency (Österreichische Staatsdruckerei).
2.4	<b>Legal basis for co-operation:</b>	- law - regulatory text, decree etc. - specific internal provision of the public administration - other (please give details)
		Staatsdruckereigesetz, Verlautbarungsgesetz, Bundesvergabegesetz 2002, Handelsgesetzbuch, Aktiengesetz, GmbH-Gesetz, Börsegesetz, Arbeitsverfassungsgesetz (Kollektivverträge), ca. 200 bundesgesetzliche Einzelnormen
		Stately Printing Agency Law 1996, Communique Law, Federal Procurement Law 2002, Commercial Code, Law on Limited Companies, Stock Exchange Law, Work Constitutional Law (Collective Agreements), approx. 200 further Federal Law provisions
2.5	<b>Main tasks of the organisation</b>	
2.5.1	<b>Publ. of laws/regulations:</b>	- laws and regulations - treaties and internal agreements - consolidated law - databases - consolidated law - paper publ. - parliamentary documents - individual measures
		not mandatory not mandatory not mandatory not mandatory

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- legal notices - call for tender</li> <li>- legal notices - company data</li> <li>- legal notices - other</li> <li>- public recruitment competitions</li> <li>- collective agreements</li> <li>- other publications</li> </ul>	not mandatory not mandatory not mandatory mandatory mandatory mandatory mandatory mandatory
2.5.2	<b>Operation of databases</b>	As of 1998 the Wiener Zeitung GmbH operates databases (non mandatory) with regard to its content which has to be published on the Internet (mandatory). At the present: Database of Federal Laws exists beginning from 1996 (non mandatory).	
2.5.3	<b>Others (e.g. forms ...)</b>	None	
2.6	<b>What language(s) is/are used</b>	German	
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2.7	<b>Activities of public or private companies</b>		
2.7.1	<b>Subcontracts in isolated cases for</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- printing</li> <li>- online publishing</li> <li>- adverting agencies</li> </ul>	
2.7.2	<b>Contracts for instit. or regular work</b>		
2.8	<b>Other off. gazettes</b>	There are other Official Gazettes both on Federal as well as on Regional Level: On Federal Level the Official Gazettes of the Federal Ministries and Organisations with decentralised stately power (e.g. Chambers), on Regional Level the Official Gazettes of the 9 Federal States (Federal State Laws in separate Law Journals) and Communities. This is based in the decentralised Federal Constitution of Austria.	
2.9	<b>Annual budget (global) of the organisation</b>	-	
		There is no budget provided by the Republic of Austria. The activities have to be covered under the rules of commercial principles by sales revenues (e.g. insertion-fees of tendering organisations, etc, fees of subscription, etc).	

2.10	<b>Do you have in-house</b>	- online publishing facilities - facilities for CD-ROM/DVD duplication
2.11	<b>How much of the following work is subcontracted</b>	
	pre-press	1
	printing	98
	dissemination	80
		Administration of dissemination almost 100 % done in-house.
2.12	<b>How is the head of the organ. appointed</b>	After a Public Recruitment Competition appointed by the Federal Chancellor of Austria.
2.13	<b>Number of staff of the organ.</b>	130
2.14	<b>Which services are offered by the organ.</b>	- reading room - information on documents - other
		Administrative service of dissemination of our print and/or digital products on demand of customers in print and/or via e-mail (helpdesk).

## II. Details concerning the publication of legislation and of calls for tender

### (public procurement)

#### A. Publication of legislation

AT		<b><u>3. Publication procedures</u></b>
3.1	<b>Official Gazette:</b>	
3.1.1	<b>Full title of the official gazette:</b>	Bundesgesetzblatt, abbr. "BGBl"
		Federal Law Journal

		<p>* The Federal Law Journal is not to be mixed up with the Wiener Zeitung (Official Gazette). The Federal Law Journal is a separate publication.</p> <p>* Besides, Regulatory Decrees, published in Ministerial Official Gazettes, concretise respectively explain Federal Laws and Ministerial Decrees.</p> <p>* As of January 1, 2004, Federal Laws are by legal provision published authentically on the Internet by the Federal Chancellor (<a href="http://www.ris.bka.gv.at">www.ris.bka.gv.at</a>).</p> <p>* Printing of the Federal Law Journal by our company is carried out for customers on demand. Basis for this service is a contract with the Federal Chancellery (data electronically provided to us) as of January 1, 2004. Moreover, we offer our customers value-added services Online (<a href="http://www.digitalegesetze.at">www.digitalegesetze.at</a>) and on CD-ROM.</p>
3.1.2	<b>Contents:</b>	<p>There are 3 parts in the Bundesgesetzblatt (Federal Law Journal):</p> <p>Part I: Federal Laws</p> <p>Part II: Ministerial Decrees</p> <p>Part III: (International) Treaties</p>
3.1.3	<b>Address (URL):</b>	For our (value-added) services: <a href="http://www.digitalegesetze.at">www.digitalegesetze.at</a>
3.2	<b>Organisation of the exchange:</b>	
3.3	<b>Is electronic transmission part an integrated and seamless workflow:</b>	no
3.4	<b>Techniques based on XML or SGML:</b>	yes
		Regarding to our offered (value-added) services.
	If yes, does a program exist	in the form of DTD
3.5	<b>Binding deadlines for publishing legislation:</b>	no
		Not with regard to our (value-added) services, yet we carry out the printing for our customers' convenience within 2 working days.
<b>AT</b>		<b><u>4. Details of the publication procedures for legislation</u></b>

4.1	<b>The legal basis for publication of legislation:</b>	Bundesgesetzblattgesetz
		Federal Law Journal Act
		cf. explanation 3.1.1.
4.2	<b>Year of establishment of the official gazette:</b>	
4.3	<b>How is publication of legislation financed:</b>	
4.4	<b>On what medium(a) is legislation legally binding:</b>	- online (database/web
		Internet; cf. explanation 3.1.1.
4.5	<b>Problems, if legislation is (in future) legally binding in electr. Form:</b>	
4.6	<b>On what media and from when onwards is legislation offered to end-users:</b>	- on paper from 1849 - on CD-ROM/DVD from 1945 - via online (database/web) from 1996
		with regard to our (value-added) services
4.7	<b>Availability of the online edition of legislation:</b>	
4.7.1	<b>In which format and from when onwards is legislation offered to end-users:</b>	- PDF from 1996
		with regard to our (value-added) services
4.7.2	<b>Can the online edition be downloaded?:</b>	yes

		By the customers of our (value-added) services.	
4.8	<b>On what financial terms is legislation offered to end-users:</b>	- at a profit	- paper - CD-ROM/DVD - online (database/web)
		For the customers of our (value-added) services; also cf. explanation 3.1.1.	
4.9	<b>Electr. Formats, legislation is offered to the private sector for further processing and commercial use:</b>		
4.10	<b>Is legislation available to all private sector companies under the same conditions:</b>	no	
4.11	<b>What price is charged to the private sector for the electr. Version of leg. For further processing and omm.. Use:</b>		
4.12	<b>Copyright status of legislation in your country:</b>	- no copyright protection claimed for the information itself (content)	
4.13	<b>Copyright status of the official gazette lay-out/format in your country:</b>	- copyright protection for the lay-out format with compulsory licensing for use	
4.14	<b>The owner of the content of legislation, if published by a private company:</b>	- the competent State body	

## B. Calls for tender (public procurement)

AT		<b><u>5. Details of the publication procedures for calls for tender</u></b>	
5.0	<b>Competent organisation(s):</b>		
5.1	<b>Organisation of the exchange of information on what medium(a) is legislation legally binding:</b>	- electronic	
		Paper only in exceptional cases (e.g. breakdown of Internet)	
5.2	<b>Binding deadlines for publishing this information:</b>	yes	
		within 2 working days	
5.3	<b>The legal basis for publication of public tenders:</b>	Bundesvergabegesetz 2002	
		Federal Public Procurement Law 2002	
5.4	<b>How is publication of calls for tender financed:</b>	- from the State budget	- paper
		Publications of calls for tenders have to be paid by the initiating authorities according to our tariff list approved by the Federal Chancellor of Austria.	
5.5	<b>On what medium(a) is the information on public tenders deemed authentic:</b>	- paper	
5.6	<b>On what media is the information on publ. tenders offered to end-users:</b>	- paper - via online (database/web)	
5.7	<b>On what financial</b>	- free of charge	- online

	<b>terms is the information on public tenders offered to end-users:</b>		(database/web
		- at cost	- paper
5.8	<b>Electr. Formats of the public tenders, which are offered to the private sector for further processing and commercial use:</b>		
5.9	<b>What price is charged to the private sector for the electr. Version of the public tenders for further processing and omm.. Use:</b>		
5.10	<b>Copyright status of this information in your country:</b>	- copyright protection not claimed for the information itself (content)	
5.11	<b>Copyright status of the official gazette lay-out/format for this information in your country:</b>	- copyright protection for the lay-out format with compulsory licensing for use	
5.12	<b>The owner of the content of calls for tender, if published by a private company:</b>	- the competent State body – the competent State body	

### III. Future developments and strategies

AT		<b><u>6. Anticipated changes and other plans or discussed issues</u></b>
6.1	<b>Changes in your country in short (1-2 years) or medium term (3-5 years):</b>	<p>* in what way will the publication of the information be financed differently in future? (cf. questions 4.3, 5.4): stay the same.</p> <p>* on what other media will the information be legally binding (authentic) in future? (cf. questions 4.4, 5.5): the development will probably continue towards electronic publication.</p> <p>* on what other media will the information be offered to end-users in future? (cf. questions 4.6, 5.6): none.</p> <p>* in what other formats will the electronic information on legislation be offered to end-users in future? (cf. question 4.7): with regard to our (value-added) services, none.</p> <p>* on what other financial terms will the electronic information be offered to end-users in future? (cf. questions 4.8, 5.7): stay the same.</p> <p>* in what other formats will electronic information be offered to commercial users in future? (cf. questions 4.9, 5.8).</p> <p>* what other price(s) will be charged to the commercial users in future for the electronic data? (cf. questions 4.11, 5.9).</p>
6.2	<b>Other plans or discussed issues:</b>	<p>* new co-operation partnerships: Cannot be estimated by now.</p> <p>* evolutions in the publishing field (skills etc.): Publishing services will be closer to the customer than ever (customer care); furthermore, personnel involved especially in pre-press should be able to handle all electronic devices in the field e.g. of reception, handling, transmission, etc. of electronic data. We estimate that there will be more electronic than printing services on paper in the future. Paper editions of interest will be digitally compiled (compilation backwards).</p> <p>* change in the legal status of the publishing organisation: Cannot be estimated by now.</p> <p>* technological development (search engines, changes in the workflow, etc.): Possibilities for meta-search on the basis of a new structure of information (e.g. thesaurus). Enhancement of electronic payment. Standardisation of data-formats (XML). Necessity of digital signature. Enhanced use of online formulas for data-input by the customers, followed by automatically processed handling of the</p>

data for online- and print-publishing (cross-media-publishing).

\* links with other databases or web sites: National and (European) international databases should be at least linked, if not merged.

\* development of the dissemination policy (discontinuation of the paper editions of the information, etc.): We estimate, that there will be more electronic than paper editions in the future.

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