

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

(12) Answers by the Latvijas Vestnesis,

I. Organisational data

LV		<u>1. Identification and contact person(s)</u>
1.1	Organisation :	Latvijas Vestnesis, BO VSIA Latvijas Vestnesis, Ltd
1.3	Address :	Bruninieku 41 LV-1011 Riga
1.5	Internet :	http://www.vestnesis.lv OR http://www.likumi.lv
LV		<u>2. Data on the organisation and its overall tasks</u>
2.1	Form and nature:	- private company owned by the government Ministry of Justice
2.2	Legal basis for publishing:	- general company law - a specific law Likums "Par likumu un citu Saeimas, Valsts Prezidenta un Ministru Kabineta pieņemto aktu izsludināšanas, speka stašanās kartību un speka esamību"
2.3	Year of the	1993

	found.:		
2.4	Legal basis for co-operation:	- law	
		Likums "Par likumu un citu Saeimas, Valsts Prezidenta un Ministru Kabineta pieņemto aktu izsludinašanas, speka stašanas kartību un speka esamību"	
2.5	Main tasks of the organisation		
2.5.1	Publ. of laws/regulations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - laws and regulations - treaties and internal agreements - parliamentary documents - court decisions - individual measures - legal notices - call for tender - legal notices - company data - legal notices - other - public recruitment competitions - inform. about EU legislation - legal literature - other publications 	mandatory mandatory mandatory not mandatory not mandatory mandatory mandatory mandatory mandatory not mandatory not mandatory not mandatory
2.5.2	Operation of databases	www.likumi.lv - free accessible database in Internet on Latvian Law and Cabinet regulations in force. Non mandatory.	
2.5.3	Others (e.g. forms ...)		
2.6	What language(s) is/are used	Latvian.	
2.7	Activities of public or private companies		
2.7.1	Subcontracts in isolated cases for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - advertising agencies - others (consultants, auditors etc.) 	
2.7.2	Contracts for instit. or regular work	- printing	
2.8	Other off.	No.	

	gazettes	
2.9	Annual budget (global) of the organisation	1 400 000 LVL
		2 170 000 EUR
2.10	Do you have in-house	- online publishing facilities
2.11	How much of the following work is subcontracted	
	pre-press	0
	printing	100
	dissemination	50
		Dissemination includes newspaper delivery services, private content integrators, booksellers.
2.12	How is the head of the organ. appointed	Appointed by representative of shareowner (Ministry of Justice), contract - 3 years.
2.13	Number of staff of the organ.	85
2.14	Which services are offered by the organ.	- information on documents - bookshop - other
		Client Service Center, online services (mServices are planned in next future), online bookshop.

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

A. Publication of legislation

LV		<u>3. Publications procedures</u>
3.1	Official Gazette:	
3.1.1	Full title of the official gazette:	Latvijas Vestnesis

		Latvian Herald
3.1.2	Contents:	Newspaper size is A3 and it's structured in two parts: part A and Part B. Part A includes all official publications: law, cabinet regulations, regulations by other state institutions and municipal governments, Parliamentary debates and announcements, announcements by Latvian President, Enterprise registry filings, court decisions and court announcements, other information from private and legal persons, acquired by Law. Part B - editorial part. Includes important daily news, explanations and commentaries by official state representatives and experts; explanations and comments by experts from society; other important information for citizens and governmental decision makers on EU integration, economy, social stability, education and culture, monetary policy, law creation and law enforcement.
3.1.3	Address (URL):	http://www.vestnesis.lv
3.2	Organisation of the exchange:	- executive authority / electronic - executive authority / on paper - legislative authority / electronic - legislative authority / on paper
3.3	Is electronic transmission part an integrated and seamless workflow:	no
3.4	Techniques based on XML or SGML:	no
3.5	Binding deadlines for publishing legislation:	yes
LV		<u>4. Details of the publication procedures for legislation</u>
4.1	The legal basis for publication of legislation:	Likums "Par likumu un citu Saeimas, Valsts Prezidenta un Ministru Kabineta pienemto aktu izsludinašanos, speka stašanas kartibu un speka esamibu"

4.2	Year of establishment of the official gazette:	1993	
4.3	How is publication of legislation financed:	- solely from sales revenue	- paper - online (database/web)
4.4	On what medium(a) is legislation legally binding:	- paper	
4.5	Problems, if legislation is (in future) legally binding in electr. form:	- no problems	
4.6	On what media and from when onwards is legislation offered to end-users:	- on paper from 1993 - via online (database/web) from 1996	
4.7	Availability of the online edition of legislation:		
4.7.1	In which format and from when onwards is legislation offered to end-users:	- HTML from 1996	
4.7.2	Can the online edition be downloaded?:	no	
4.8	On what financial terms is legislation	- free of charge	- online (database/web)

	offered to end-users:		
		- at cost	- paper - online (database/web
		At free accessible database http://www.likumi.lv Law and Cabinet regulations are available free of charge 7 days after they are published at Official Journal (Latvijas Vestnesis) web site, which is a subscription based service.	
4.9	Electr. formats, legislation is offered to the private sector for further processing and commercial use:	- in a 'neutral' format - HTML - XML	
4.10	Is legislation available to all private sector compamies under the same conditions:	yes	
4.11	What price is charged to the private sector for the electr. version of leg. for further processing and comm. use:		
4.12	Copyright status of legislation in your country:	- other	
		No copyright protection for Law, Cabinet regulations and other institutional regulations. Copyright protected are databases (structure, interface, etc.), editorial articles, photos, commentaries.	
4.13	Copyright status of the official gazette lay-out/format in your country:	- copyright protection for the lay-out format without compulsory licensing for use	

4.14	The owner of the content of legislation, if published by a private company:	- other
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B. Calls for tender (public procurement)

LV		<u>5. Details of the publication procedures for calls for tender</u>	
5.0	Competent organisation(s):		
5.1	Organisation of the exchange of informationOn what medium(a) is legislation legally binding:	- electronic - on paper	
5.2	Binding deadlines for publishing this information:	yes	
5.3	The legal basis for publication of public tenders:	Likums "Par iepirkumiem valsts un pašvaldību vajadzībām"	
		Law "On public procurement for state and municipal needs"	
5.4	How is publication of calls for tender financed:	- other	- paper - online (database/web)
		By institution announcing tender.	
5.5	On what medium(a) is the information on public tenders deemed authentic:	- paper - online (database/web)	
5.6	On what media is the information on publ. tenders	- paper - via online (database/web)	

	offered to end-users:		
5.7	On what financial terms is the information on public tenders offered to end-users:	- at cost	- paper - online (database/web)
5.8	Electr. Formats of the public tenders, which are offered to the private sector for further processing and commercial use:	- in a 'neutral' format - HTML - XML	
5.9	What price is charged to the private sector for the electr. Version of the public tenders for further processing and omm.. Use:	- at costs	- in a 'neutral' format - HTML - XML
5.10	Copyright status of this information in your country:	- copyright protection not claimed for the information itself (content)	
5.11	Copyright status of the official gazette lay-out/format for this information in your country:	- no copyright protection for the lay-out/format	
5.12	The owner of the content of calls for tender, if published by a private company:	- the competent State body – the competent State body	

III. Future developments and strategies

LV		<u>6. Anticipated changes and other plans or discussed issues</u>
6.1	Changes in your country in short (1-2 years) or medium term (3-5 years):	
6.2	Other plans or discussed issues:	Future development strategy includes evolution in publishing and content delivery on paper based media (lower subscription rates, "Metro" type free newspaper), technological developments (database and search engine development, online services and mServices), further dissemination policy development in cooperation with private sector content integrators.
