

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

**(16) Answers by the Department of Information of
the Maltese Government**

I. Organisational data

MT		<u>1. Identification and contact person(s)</u>
1.1	Organisation:	Dipartiment ta' l-Informazzjoni(DOI) Department of Information(DOI)
1.3	Address :	3, Castille Place Valletta, Malta.
1.5	Internet :	www.doi.gov.mt
MT		<u>2. Data on the organisation and its overall tasks</u>
2.1	Form and nature:	- part of a ministry

		Office of the Prime Minister	
2.2	Legal basis for publishing:		
		There is no legal basis for the publishing organisation, however in terms of the Interpretation Act, it is mandatory to publish Laws, Legal Notices, Acts of Parliament, Bills presented in Parliament, Calls for the filling of posts in the Public Service, Government Notices and others in the Malta Government Gazette.	
2.3	Year of the found.:	1955	
		DOI was established in 1955, however the Government Gazette has been in circulation much before that.	
2.4	Legal basis for co-operation:		
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 - consolidated law - databases - consolidated law - paper publ. - parliamentary documents - court decisions - individual measures - legal notices - call for tender - legal notices - company data - legal notices - other - public recruitment competitions - collective agreements - inform. about EU legislation - legal literature - other publications 	mandatory not mandatory not mandatory mandatory not mandatory not mandatory mandatory mandatory mandatory mandatory not mandatory not mandatory not mandatory not mandatory
2.5.2	Operation of databases	No	
2.5.3	Others (e.g. forms ...)		
		Parliamentary documents: Acts and Bills	

2.6	What language(s) is/are used	Maltese and English simultaneously in every issue of the Gazette
2.7	Activities of public or private companies	
2.7.1	Subcontracts in isolated cases for	
2.7.2	Contracts for instit. or regular work	- printing - online publishing
2.8	Other off. gazettes	No
2.9	Annual budget (global) of the organisation	non-quantifiable
2.10	Do you have in-house	- online publishing facilities
2.11	How much of the following work is subcontracted	
	pre-press	0
	printing	0
	dissemination	0
2.12	How is the head of the organ. appointed	The Public Service Commission (appointed in terms of the Constitution of Malta) issues a call for applications open to senior Civil Servants. The said Commission carries out the selection process and finally makes its recommendation to the Prime Minister.
2.13	Number of staff of the organ.	54
2.14	Which services are offered by the organ.	- information on documents - bookshop
		Issuing of Press Releases; running a Government Information Service accessible through a freephone line and also via e-mail; managing and regularly updating the DOI Website; providing an electronic News Service to the media, subscribers and web users;

		providing a photographic services covering Government activities; running the DOI Sales Office from where the Gazette and other Government publications together with DOI photos can be bought by the general public
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II. Details concerning the publication of legislation and of calls for tender

(public procurement)

A. Publication of legislation

MT		<u>Publication procedures</u>
3.1	Official Gazette:	
3.1.1	Full title of the official gazette:	Il-Gazzetta tal-Gvern ta' Malta
		The Malta Government Gazette
3.1.2	Contents:	Yes various such as Government Notices, Calls for Public Tenders, Calls for filling of vacancies within the Public Service, Registration of Trade Marks, Court Notices and Decrees, Land Registration, and other sundry items.
3.1.3	Address (URL):	same as above
3.2	Organisation of the exchange:	- executive authority / electronic - 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
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4.1	The legal basis for publication of legislation:		
4.2	Year of establishment of the official gazette:	1900	
4.3	How is publication of legislation financed:		
4.4	On what medium(a) is legislation legally binding:	- paper	
4.5	Problems, if legislation is (in future) legally binding in electr. form:	- costs	
4.6	On what media and from when onwards is legislation offered to end-users:	- on paper from	
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:	- PDF from	
4.7.2	Can the online edition be downloaded?:	yes	
4.8	On what financial terms is legislation offered to end-users:	- free of charge	- online (database/web
4.9	Electr. formats,		

	legislation is offered to the private sector for further processing and commercial use:	
4.10	Is legislation available to all private sector companies under the same conditions:	no
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:	- no copyright protection claimed for the information itself (content)
4.13	Copyright status of the official gazette lay-out/format in your country:	- no copyright protection for the lay-out/format
4.14	The owner of the content of legislation, if published by a private company:	

B. Calls for tender (public procurement)

MT		<u>5. Details of the publication procedures for calls for tender</u>
5.0	Competent organisation(s):	
5.1	Organisation of the exchange of inOn what	

	medium(a) is legislation legally binding:		
5.2	Binding deadlines for publishing this information:	no	
5.3	The legal basis for publication of public tenders:		
5.4	How is publication of calls for tender financed:	- from the State budget	
5.5	On what medium(a) is the information on public tenders deemed authentic:	- paper	
5.6	On what media is the information on publ. tenders offered to end-users:	- paper	
5.7	On what financial terms is the information on public tenders offered to end-users:	- free of charge	
5.8	Electr. Formats of the public tenders, which are offered to the private sector for further	- PDF	

	processing and commercial use:	
5.9	What price is charged to the private sector for the electr. Version of the public tenders for further processing and comm.. Use:	
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:	

III. Future developments and strategies

MT		<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:	
