

Databases and the European e-Justice Portal



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Background – e-Justice

OBJECTIVES

To improve citizens' access to justice and, for their benefit, helping justice to be administered more effectively throughout Europe.

To facilitate legal practitioners' work and fostering cooperation among legal authorities.

To place information and communication technologies (ICT) at the service of judicial systems to improve their functioning and contribute to a streamlining of procedures and reduction in costs.

Council Action Plan

- adopted in November 08- Council Action Plan on European e-Justice 2009-2013
- lifespan until 2013
- several items, one of them the Portal
- AP entrusts the Commission with the delivery of a first version of the European e-Justice Portal by the 15 December 2009, based on the principles of previous work carried out by Member States

Council Action Plan

AP's guidelines for the Portal

Build upon the fragmented work already done by: COM (e.g. EJN), Member states (e.g. Insolvency registers) and 'third party' initiatives (EBR/EULIS)

Adopt a global approach: from information in all domains to European interoperability of justice

Approach: modular, decentralised, progressive (2009 – 2013)

Accessible to citizens/businesses/legal practitioners/judicial authorities

The Portal

- a "one-stop (electronic)-shop" for information on European justice and access to European judicial procedures;
- implemented and run by COM but responsibility is shared among COM and Member States;
- content will be managed by both COM and Member States;
- targeted at citizens, businesses, legal practitioners and the judiciary;
- available in 23 languages.

First release

- contract signed in February with Unisys Belgium;
- contractual amount 1.500.000 E;
- very tight schedule – Portal to be delivered on 15th December – launching event in Stockholm;
- Front office - static content mainly and links; all horizontal functionalities implemented (registration with ECAS, newsletter, personalisation, extended search possibilities – IDOL 7);
- Back office – full content management system for multiple owners in place; all links managed automatically.



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- ▶ Defendants
- ▶ Mediation solving conflicts
- ▶ Legal aid
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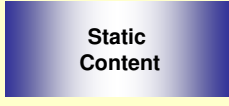


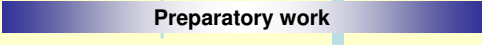







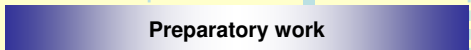


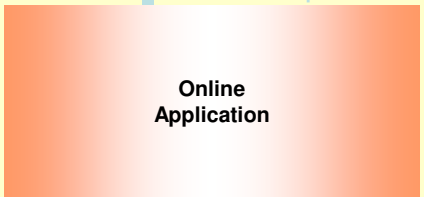
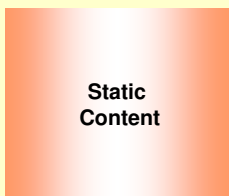
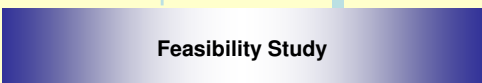



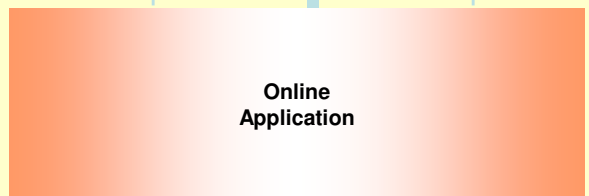
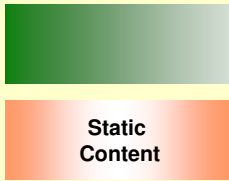
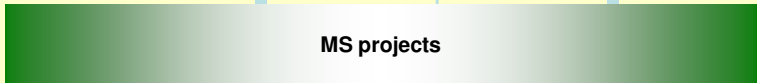

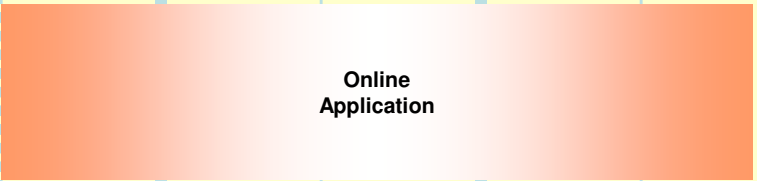
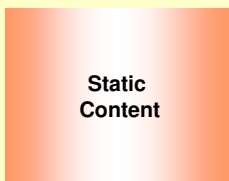


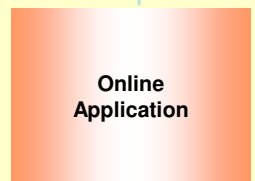




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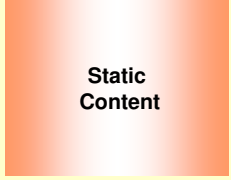





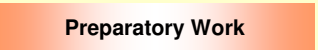






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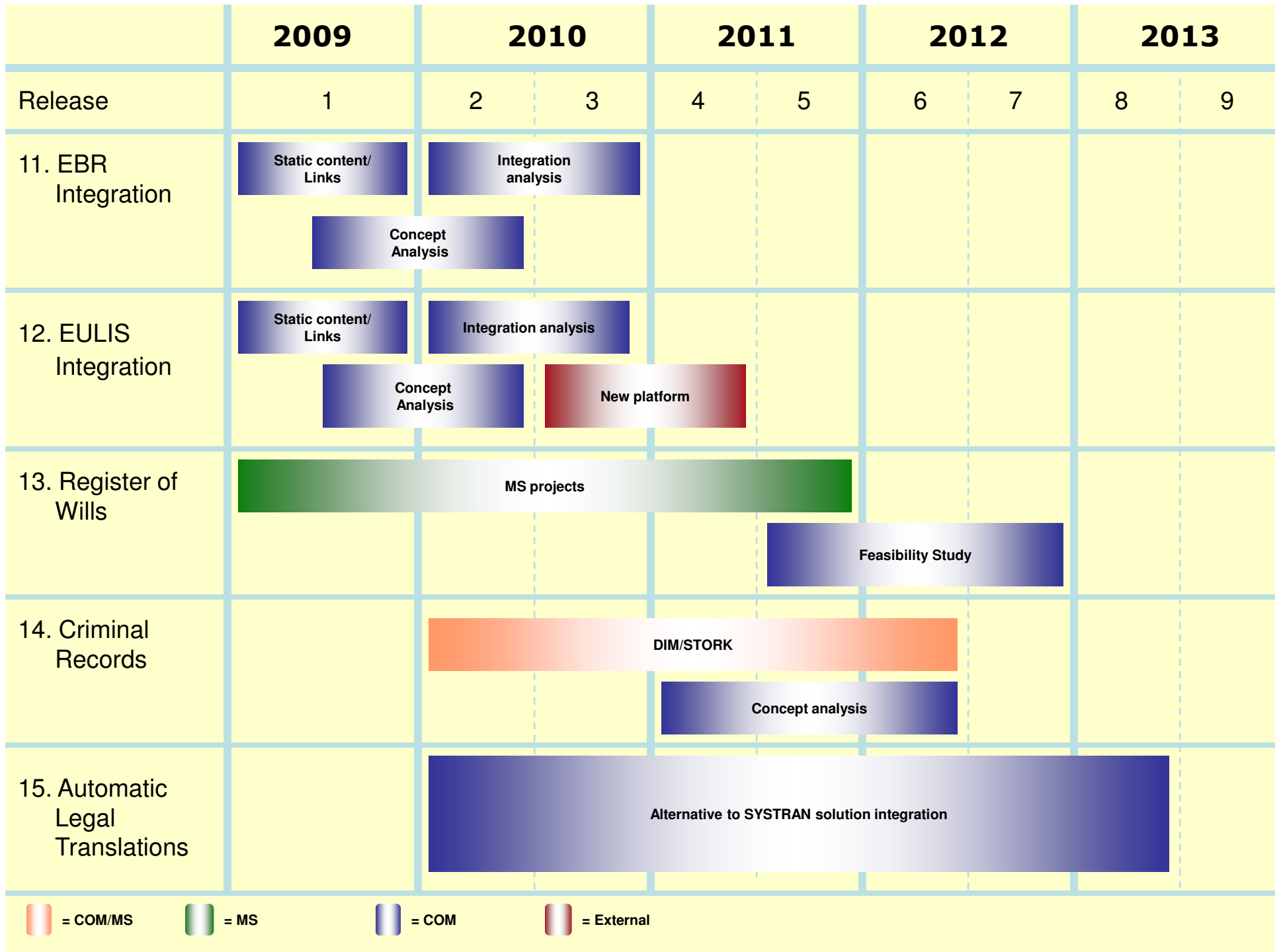
Future releases (2010-2013)

Every 6 months:

- extension of provided information;
- step by step integration of “active content”: dynamic forms, registers, databases;
- progressive implementation of e-Justice applications;
- Implementing results of e-signature and STORK projects;
- building up of a “circle of trust” providing identity - roles and rights

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Release	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1. European Payment Order	 	  	 							
2. Online Legal Aid		 		  						
3. Small Claims Procedure Online		 		 						
4. Connection Translators/ Interpreters Databases		 								
5. Legal Glossaries / Semantic Tables										
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6. Video-Conferencing	 								
7. Mediation									
8. Service of Judicial Documents									
9. Online Payment of Procedural Costs									
10. Connection of Insolvency Registers	 	  							
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16. Secure paperless communication		Feasibility Study							
17. Standardised access to case law	Concept analysis								
18. How to find a...	Static content								
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Portal and access to national case-law

- Action Plan: point 26
- Council Document 12907/09, Jurinfo 103: final report of the task group on the access to national case law
- Databases:
 - * Common Portal of National Case Law
 - * Caselex
 - * Dec.Nat (+/- 19.000 national decisions)
 - * JuriFast (504 decisions)
 - * FRA
 - * JURE
 - * IARLJ (Refugee Law)
 - * Codices (Venice Commission)
 - * others ...
- Conclusion: room for improvement and better cooperation

Portal and access to national case-law

-Council Document 12907/09, Jurinfo 103: report conclusions

- ❖ Access to case-law more complicated than access to legislation at national level
- ❖ more diversity: comparative law level
- ❖ Variety of ways to process case-law
- ❖ Tendency to harmonise with view to improve dissemination case-law to national level

-Recommendations (task group proposal):

- European Case Law Identifier (ECLI)
- Common metadata following Dublin core standards

Portal and access to national case-law

- Suggested steps: communication identifier system

- Study on ECLI
- Developments of the register
- Formalise recommendation to the MS as to the ECLI for their national courts
- Processing historical data, if available, in order to allocate ECLI

- Suggested steps: common metadata

- Define Dublin core equivalents for case-law
- Establish common vocabulary of Dublin core for case-law in close cooperation with the judicial networks and MS

-Pilot project – decentralised approach: each MS will have to nominate an authority or a contact for the ECLI (ensure single ECLI for each court decision)

European e-Justice programme and possible collaboration with ACSSAJ

- Short term:

- Case-law database: work on common system of identifiers and common metadata on national level – meeting on 21st October

- Promotion of the European e-Justice portal release

- Medium term:

- Practitioners corner of the European e-justice portal

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THANK YOU for your attention.

Exchange of views

