

[Finding consolidated texts – transcript]

There are several ways to find a consolidated text. Let's look into them.

The first option is to use the advanced search. The link to the advanced search page is available at the top of every EUR-Lex page, just under the quick search. In the advanced search form, choose the 'Consolidated texts' collection and use any other search criteria that you may find useful. For instance, if you know any details about the basic act, such as the year it was adopted, its type or its CELEX number, you can add them in the form. This will help limit the number of results. Click Search. EUR-Lex will show a results list that contains only consolidated texts that meet your search criteria.

The second option to access the consolidated version of a text is to navigate from the page displaying the basic act. On this page you will see 'This act has been changed' next to the 'in force' indicator. This means that there is a consolidated version, and you can reach it by clicking on the link.

You can also see a list of all the available consolidated versions in the left-hand panel of the basic act page. The consolidated version that is applicable today is at the top in bold. The date with a grey background indicates the version you are viewing. If you see an exclamation mark next to a version, it means this modification does not concern the language in which you are viewing the act. Click on a date in the list to see the consolidated version from that date.

You can also see the consolidated versions of an act displayed in a timeline. On any consolidated text page, go to the Document information view via the left-hand panel. The consolidated version you are currently viewing is highlighted in yellow. The timeline also shows the initial act, the versions that were produced just before and just after the one you are viewing and the version that is applicable today. In some cases, a future consolidated version can also be displayed. To access any of these versions, click on the icons. Click the question mark to see the legend describing all the elements of the timeline.

Finally, you can access the latest consolidated version of a text from any search results list. If you see 'Latest consolidated version' under the 'in force' indicator, you know the act has been modified and the link leads you to the latest consolidated version available.