

## [What's in a summary? – Transcript]

In our previous video, we looked at how to find summaries of EU legislation. Now let's take a closer look at the summaries themselves.

Right at the top of the page, you will see the option 'multilingual display'. You can look at each summary in two or three EU languages, side by side. You can also simply change the language you are reading in – as on all EUR-Lex pages – using the language label at the top of the screen.

At the top of the summary, you can see its title. In this summary, you can also see the treaty's 'nickname' – another name it is commonly known by – in brackets. Just below that, you can see the title of the document (or documents) this summary covers. You can click on those titles to access the documents directly.

Next you will see a summary of the document's main aim, followed by a list of key points. You will notice that the term we originally searched for – in our case 'treaties' – is highlighted wherever it appears in the summary.

Below the key points, you will see the date the document applies from, some background information including links for further reading, and a list of main and related documents with clickable titles so that you can access them directly.

Now let's take a closer look at the links you can see within the summary. These links lead to a variety of sources of useful information. For example, they can lead to documents that are being mentioned, to related websites, to useful parts of EUR-Lex, or to related summaries.

You can also see links to terms that are part of the EU summaries glossary. We'll talk about those later.

Some summaries that cover more technical subjects also contain key terms to help you understand more complex ideas. Let's go back to our search and filter it by clicking on 'Competition' in the left-hand panel. We'll take a look at the summary on 'common organisation of agricultural markets in the EU'.

Again, you have the summary title followed by the document it summarises. You can see what the aim of the regulation is, and its key points. This time, some of the terms in the summary have an asterisk after them, such as 'public intervention'.

If you scroll down past the background information, you can see these terms in the 'key terms' section. This section gives a brief explanation of the words that have an asterisk after them, to help us understand the summary.

These key terms are generally specific to a particular summary. Some terms you may need help understanding come up in lots of summaries, and you can find these terms in the EU summaries glossary, which we will look at in the next video.