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How does it help me?
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What are its constituent parts?
It has 4 components:

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EUR-Lex falls into 12 sectors:
1: Treaties
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5: Preparatory acts and working documents
6: Case-law
7: National transposition measures
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9: Parliamentary questions
0: Consolidated acts
C: Other documents published in the Official Journal C series
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Examples of Doc types (descriptors) by sector:
Sector 3: Legislation
L: Directives
R: Regulations
D: Decisions
Sector 5:
PC: Commission legislative proposals (COM documents), etc.
DC: other COM documents (green & white papers, communications, reports, etc.)
SC: SWD documents (staff working documents, impact assessments, etc.)
JC: JOIN documents (adopted jointly by the Commission and the High Representative)
Sector 6: Case-Law
CJ: Judgments by the Court of Justice
CC: Opinions of the advocate-general
CO: Orders of the Court of Justice

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Some documents, such as treaties, national transposition measures or national case law, have a slightly different CELEX structure.

*Most document numbers have 4 digits (may be based on the official number, internal number, date of publication, etc.).

Here we have:
The CELEX number of the EU Water Framework Directive

32000L0060 > original directive

72000L0060 > national transposition measures (incorporating the provisions into national law)

02000L0060 > consolidated versions of this directive

See how changing the sector changes the document type

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