New display of interinstitutional procedures on EUR-Lex

The new display of interinstitutional procedures on EUR-Lex presents the information in a more user-friendly way and makes it easier to understand the different stages in the life cycle of a legal act.

The new display affects the following types of procedure launched after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty (1.12.2009):

- ordinary legislative procedures (COD);
- special legislative procedures
- requiring the consent of the European Parliament (APP), or
- requiring consultation with the European Parliament (CNS);
- non-legislative procedures (NLE).

The biggest improvement is the grouping the existing procedural steps (“events”) on EUR-Lex under the relevant categories such as ‘Proposal’, ‘Opinions’, ‘First reading’, ‘Adoption’, etc. There are two different templates (i.e. two sets of possible categories) depending on whether the procedure is a COD or a CNS/APP/NLE.

This presentation gives a cleaner and simpler first view where the information is displayed in layers rather than all at once. The user can then discover additional content with the expand/collapse functionality.

Other improvements include:

- an indication of the procedure’s status (‘ongoing’/’completed’/’withdrawn’);
- a link to the relevant glossary of summaries of EU legislation, where more information about each type of legislative procedure can be found;
- a link to the internal Commission procedure leading to the adoption of the proposal before its submission to the Parliament and the Council — if available, this link will be displayed in the ‘Proposal’ category;
- the possibility to reverse the order of categories (from the oldest to most recent).