



Meeting to discuss a European-wide free access to law system (a possible European Legal Information Institute)

Jointly convened by ITTIG & AustLII
Hosted by ITTIG, Florence, 3 October 2011, 10am – 5pm

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AGENDA

10am : Welcome to the Meeting

Welcome addresses (Ciampi, director ITTIG; Greenleaf, co-director AustLII) and introduction to attendees (Tiscornia)

Alternative models for multi-country free access to law (Chair: Peruginelli)

Presentation by AustLII (Greenleaf, Mowbray & Chung):

Issues to be covered include the differences between centralised, 'federated' and hybrid models of multi-country legal information systems (LIS); the difference between active and passive permissions and cooperation, and hybrid models; existing European examples of multi-jurisdictional LIS (including national and supra-national jurisdictions); models outside Europe; absence of legal and technical impediments to obtaining European data; and a demonstration of the European Law Project in WorldLII (funded by the Australian Research Council 2011-12) and a 'EuroLII' prototype.

Morning tea

Discussion of appropriate models for a European LII (Chair: Francesconi)

Based on the previous presentation, a discussion of what models for a European-wide LIS might be effective and sustainable in Europe; Issues include range of documents desirably included, methods to deal with linguistic diversity, extent of official cooperation likely to be achieved etc; Views to be sought from attendees.

Lunch (Hosted by AustLII at a local restaurant)

Funding alternatives for a European LII (Chair: Tiscornia)

Presentation by ITTIG (Peruginelli):

To cover alternative funding sources for this type of project, both academic and non-academic; desirable partners for each type of funding application; possible amounts and duration of funding; conditions for international collaboration etc;

Contributions by Droit.org (Silber); others welcome.

Next steps: Formation of a steering committee for a European LII? (Chair: Mowbray)

Discussion of which organisations would like to be actively involved the development of a European LII, including a) membership of interim management committee; b) participants in funding applications; c) hosting of prototype service and technical support and d) hosting of a follow-up meeting/conference in 2012.

5pm : Conclusion of meeting

Closing comments and thanks by ITTIG (Ciampi) and AustLII (Greenleaf)

7:30 pm : Dinner at Trattoria "Palle d'oro", Via Sant'Antonino, 43-45/r - near San Lorenzo Central Market (35€ each person)