The NIR-DTDs identify a wide and complex subset of documents. The production of new documents and the transformation of legacy contents according to the NIR standards, can be a hard problem to face without an editing system. Even though programs for XML drafting already exist, they have to be adapted to deal with NIR-DTDs. Other solutions (Microsoft Word, Open Office Writer) suffer from similar limitations: users need specific editing functions to deal with the standard as well; moreover these solutions describe a document using a proprietary format, therefore DTD constraints have to be mapped to this. For these reasons we have decided to develop a drafting environment handling NIR documents in their XML native format according to legislative technique rules. As compared with similar content management systems at European level, NIREditor is more focused on legal drafting to support users in adopting a legal standards. NIREditor is designed to process legacy normative texts, as well as to assist the drafting of new texts, using both manual and automatic facilities.