

Progress Report

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1. Mission statement

The Parliamentary Documentation Centre exists to support the European Parliament's legislative, control and representational functions by providing high quality information services that are timely, objective and non-partisan. It works in close partnership with the DG4 research service and cooperates with other relevant internal and external services to meet the information needs of Parliament -- Service definition

2. Computer Networks and Internet connectivity

Please tell your colleagues about your network type, protocols used, services provider, telecommunication equipment used, etc. below

a. In general HW, SW:

LAN (Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg) 10 MB (to be upgraded to 100 MB) Intranet : NT workstations / servers MS2000 and UNIX

b. New HW, SW; connectivity upgrades:

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3. Library automation

Please tell your colleagues below what library automated system you use, what hardware you use to run it and which unusual modules do you use or develop

a. In general HW, SW:

- Library system : LORIS 3.5.1 (produced by the French company EVER-TEAM)
- HP 9000 : biproc. PA8000 - 2x91 MB (mirroring) - virtual memory 360 MB - RAM 512 MB
- DB : ORACLE 7.3.4OS : HP-UX.B.11.00
- web server NCSA : Intranet OPAC only

b. New HW, SW, other:

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4. Union catalogue

If you run a Union Catalogue, please specify which software you use and which interesting features are linked to your UC

a. Software used:

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b. New features:

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5. Digital library

If you run a Digital Library, please tell us more in following list items

a. Based on your own production of digital documents:

Studies produced by Parliament's Directorate-General for Research have been scanned and posted on the website: http://www.europarl.eu.int/studies/default_en.htm

b. If so, what is new in your digitalization programmes:

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c. Based on external sources:

Swetswise gives our users full text access to articles from around 80 journals catalogued in our opac.

d. Important commercial web services accessible to your users:

DataStar, LexisNexis, Factiva, Source OECD, EIU country reports, World Trade Online, Environment Daily, ISI Eastern Europe, Oxford Analytica, Swetswise, Silverplatter, OCLC FirstSearch

6. New in-house database

Any interesting databases?

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7. Special web services

Something nobody else has? Or much better than any other place?

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8. Electronic document delivery

Do you have or plan EDD? How do you fight EU Copyright Directive?

Subito is used for EDD as well as databases listed above.

9. Research and technology development projects

Any other interesting R&D projects?

Ongoing developments (collaboration between EP and EVER) :

- upgrade of the system to UNICODE
- integration of Eurovoc (multilingual thesaurus) in all 11 languages into system

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- adaptation of authorities management to allow use of multiple official names for a single authority (eg European Parliament, Parlamento europeo, Parlement européen etc)

10. Other important projects

Anything else you wish others to know about your library?

We are currently investigating the possibilities of installing a meta-search engine which would allow us to search heterogeneous databases (such as the ones mentioned above) simultaneously and would be interested in hearing about other libraries' experiences in this area.