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## **USER GUIDE FOR DOING RESEARCH ON THE EU**

This is a step-by-step guide to finding specific types of information on the EU, either online or in any other format available. The resources are numerically organized by their breadth of content and their ease of use. If these steps do not produce results, please contact the Reference Desk of the Government Information Service, McLennan Library Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, for more help.

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*Include proposals for legislation, broad policy documents and reports on the implementation of policy*

1. EUR-Lex (<http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/COMIndex.do?ihmlang=en>) – Spotty. Since 1999. For older COM documents, only the bibliographic information might be available.
2. Archives of the European Integration (<http://aei.pitt.edu/>) – University of Pittsburgh. Spotty. 1962-2001. Search by EU document number for a list of all COM documents available online. This is a very spotty list but it contains COM documents not available in any online database.
3. Microfiche (1983-2002): GovInfo ZZ EMA C51
4. In print (1969-1982): Pre-1973 documents are only available in French.
  - GovInfo ZZ EMA C51 (English)
  - GovInfo ZZ EMA C52 (French)
5. Official Journal of the European Union – You will need the title of the document to search in the Index.
  - EUR-Lex (<http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/JOIndex.do?ihmlang=en>) – Online since 1998.
  - The OJ in print or microfiche
    - 1952-1972: GovInfo ZZ EM O30 (print)
    - 1973-1976:
      - series C: GovInfo ZZ EM O23 (print) STORAGE
      - series L: GovInfo ZZ EM O24 (print) STORAGE
    - 1977-1999:
      - series C: GovInfo ZZ EM O23 (microfiche)
      - series L: GovInfo ZZ EM O24 (microfiche)
6. Few earlier COM documents were published.

## **Publication (e.g. book, journal, magazine, etc)**

1. Search for it in MUSE
2. Web site of the agency of institution who published it, especially if it was published since 1998. See if they have a ‘publications’ section.
3. Contact the Government Information Service. If needed, you might have to request the publications through McGill University Libraries Interlibrary Loan.