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Information on the publishing of official announcements online by EU countries

An official announcement is the publication of official judicial and governmental announcements which are not of a legislative nature or do not in any other sense contain binding rules, and which are published in electronic form in State Gazettes and/or Official Journals.

Many EU countries make their official announcements available online. However, the legal frameworks and practices affecting how this is done varies between countries. In order to assist in making these publications more accessible this section collects the information on how each EU country publishes their official announcements online

The content of the national pages reflects the situation within the specific EU country.

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Publication of official announcements - Czech Republic

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

The [InfoDeska](#) (InfoBoard) application is the electronic notice board of the Ministry of Justice.

Which types of announcements are published?

Important announcements relating to court proceedings.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

The Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic, courts, Public Prosecutor's offices.

Is access to official announcements free of charge?

Yes.

What types of searches can be made?

The basis search is by the organisation that has issued the document (Ministry of Justice, courts, Public Prosecutor's offices).

On the notice board of a particular court it is then possible to search by subject matter, publication date, file reference.

As of which date are official announcements available in electronic format?

The *InfoDeska* application contains documents published after 1 January 2009.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Yes, in *Moje InfoDeska* (My InfoBoard) it is possible to subscribe to e-mail alerts for new documents.

Are official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

Official announcements are not freely available as open data.

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Publication of official announcements - Denmark

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Official announcements are inserted into Statstidende and published at <https://statstidende.dk/>.

Until 14 October 2005 Statstidende was also published on paper.

Which types of announcements are published?

Specific compulsory announcements with legal effect for citizens, undertakings and authorities, as well as certain non-compulsory announcements, are published in Statstidende.

Among other things, announcements concerning estates of deceased persons (e.g. advertisement for creditors), estates in bankruptcy (e.g. bankruptcy orders), company reorganisations, writs and similar court summonses, sales by order of a court and elections and referendums are published.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Announcements from courts, lawyers, public institutions and private undertakings are published.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Access to both one-off and permanent searches is free of charge (see below).

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

Statstidende has been published electronically since 2000. As of 15 October 2005 Statstidende is published only in electronic form.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Permanent searches can be set up. This is free of charge, but requires registration as a user.

It is also possible to subscribe to the day's pdf version of Statstidende. On days on which Statstidende is published, an e-mail will therefore be received with the day's Statstidende in pdf format.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

Open data is available to everyone through REST search at <https://statstidende.dk/>. Work on a technical enhancement of Statstidende is currently under way. In this connection, consideration is being given to whether this option should continue to be provided.

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Publication of official announcements - Germany

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Since Germany is a federal state, the Länder arrange the publication of their own official announcements. They have created their own websites for this purpose. The links to some of these can be found on the [Justice Portal of the Federal Government and the Länder \(Justizportal des Bundes und der Länder\)](#). The information below relates solely to publications by the federal government.

Publication	Form of publication
Federal Law Gazette (Bundesgesetzblatt)	Electronic copy of the official print version only.
Federal Gazette (Bundesanzeiger)	Official section; judicial section (electronic format only).
Federal Tax Gazette (Bundessteuerblatt)	In both printed and electronic format.
Joint Ministerial Gazette (Gemeinsames Ministerialblatt)	In both printed and electronic format.
Transport Gazette (Verkehrsblatt)	In both printed and electronic format.
Website of the Federal Ministry of Finance	In electronic format only. Print versions of the official manuals can be purchased from retailers; the Federal Ministry of Finance does not offer them in this format.

Which types of announcements are published?

Publication	Types of announcements
Federal Law Gazette	Laws, international treaties, ordinances, announcements, injunctions, guidelines and certain decisions of the Federal Constitutional Court.
Federal Gazette	Legal regulations, other official announcements, tenders, guidelines and judicial notices. The judicial notices comprise court publications concerning the litigation register under the Capital Investors' Test Cases Act (<i>Kapitalanleger-Musterverfahrensgesetz</i>), public notifications, criminal cases, summons of persons and calls for documents, debarment rulings, securities cancellations and other decisions, summons of third parties, bankruptcies, insolvency proceedings and the register of anonymous and pseudonymous works.
Federal Tax Gazette	Tax-related legal provisions and administrative orders, rulings by the Federal Fiscal Court.
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Tax-related legal provisions and administrative orders, rulings by the Federal Fiscal Court.
Transport Gazette	Official provisions on transport, calls for missing vehicle ownership and registration certificates.
Website of the Federal Ministry of Finance	Official manuals: overview, in digital format, of all the official manuals issued by the Federal Ministry of Finance. The online version of the official manuals provides quick access to laws, regulations, rules and guidance on the specified assessment periods.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Publication	Publishing body
Federal Law Gazette	Federal government authorities
Federal Gazette	Federal and Länder authorities, courts and public prosecutors
Federal Tax Gazette	Federal Ministry of Finance and the highest tax authorities in the Länder
Joint Ministerial Gazette	All federal ministries listed on the front page
Transport Gazette	All federal ministries, the vehicle registration authorities in the Länder
Website of the Federal Ministry of Finance	Federal Ministry of Finance

Is access to official announcements free of charge?

Publication	Free to access
Federal Law Gazette	Yes (read-only access)
Federal Gazette	Yes
Federal Tax Gazette	Partially (not the most recent publications or older publications)
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Tables of contents only
Transport Gazette	Titles of official announcements only (a fee must be paid to access the content)
Website of the Federal Ministry of Finance	Digital publications: yes. Print versions of the official manuals can be purchased from retailers; the Federal Ministry of Finance does not offer them in this format.

What types of searches can be made?

Publication	Search criteria
Federal Law Gazette	Free of charge: none. For a fee: full text search, search by citation, heading, subsection number, issue date, year of promulgation and part.

Federal Gazette	Term, part, publication period, publication type, publishing authority/court (administrative and judicial sections); reference, title (official section); file number (judicial section).
Federal Tax Gazette	Type of tax, type of document, sequence of rules, date, file number, document number, Land, subject/main principle, reference.
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Edition, page number, year, and full text search.
Transport Gazette	Field, title, search terms, date, regulation number.
Website of the Federal Ministry of Finance	Full text search and clickable table of contents.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

Publication	Date first available
Federal Law Gazette	The electronic version of Federal Law Gazette Section 1 has been available at the same time as the print version since 1998; the electronic version of Federal Law Gazette Section 2 has been available at the same time as the print version since 1999. Possible to search all editions published since 23 May 1949.
Federal Gazette	Individual publications since 30 August 2002. All publications since 1 April 2012.
Federal Tax Gazette	Possible to search editions published since 1992.
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Possible to search editions published since 1950.
Transport Gazette	Possible to search editions published since 1947.
Website of the Federal Ministry of Finance	Income Tax Manual: available in electronic format since 2017. Payroll Tax Manual: available in electronic format since 2018. Corporation Tax Manual: available in electronic format since 2018. Trade Tax Manual: available in electronic format since 2018. Concise edition of Turnover Tax Manual: available in electronic format since 2019. General Tax Code Manual: available in electronic format since 2020.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Publication	Auto-search	Open data
Federal Law Gazette	No	No
Federal Gazette	Only as an information service for a fee	No
Federal Tax Gazette	No	No
Joint Ministerial Gazette	No, only the publication date for the next edition	No
Transport Gazette	No	No
Website of the Federal Ministry of Finance	No	

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Publication of official announcements - Estonia

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Important public announcements are published on the website of the official publication *Ametlikud Teadaanded* (Official Announcements). In some cases, legislation also requires the publication of announcements in newspapers.

The official online publication *Ametlikud Teadaanded* has been published only in electronic format since 1 July 2003. It is also a database incorporated into the State Information System. *Ametlikud Teadaanded* is available to all free of charge at <https://www.ametlikudteadaanded.ee/>.

Which types of announcements are published?

Notices, invitations and announcements which must be published by law or according to a regulation of the Government of the Republic or ministerial regulation.

Two types of announcements are published in *Ametlikud Teadaanded*:

announcements intended to inform a particular person and which, for privacy purposes, must not be reusable. Such announcements are subject to time limits of publication in *Ametlikud Teadaanded* and to restrictions on access after discontinuation of publication. Reusability requirements do not apply to such announcements;

announcements intended to inform everybody and which should be reusable in a machine-readable format.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Announcements required for the performance of the functions of State and local authorities and representatives of liberal professions (e.g. notaries, bailiffs) are published in *Ametlikud Teadaanded*. Announcements of private legal entities which must be published by law and which are published for public interest purposes, i.e. which are intended to inform the general public (e.g. division and dissolution of companies), are also published.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Access to all announcements published in *Ametlikud Teadaanded* is free of charge.

A State fee must be paid in order to publish an announcement in the interests of a private individual, for example, a notice of the loss of a document.

What types of searches can be made?

Published announcements can be searched by type, title, publisher and area of influence or using the full text search function.

The 'My Official Announcements' (*Minu Ametlikud Teadaanded*) service enables a person to subscribe to receive various types of announcements at their e-mail address and to view archived announcements regarding themselves, the publication of which has been discontinued. Publication of an announcement

intended for a particular person is discontinued and the announcement is archived when publication has served its purpose. Publication of this type of announcement is also discontinued when the person confirms receipt of the announcement with their ID card, using the service 'My Official Announcements'.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

1 July 2003. The *Ametlikud Teadaanded* website also includes announcements published earlier on paper and intended to inform the general public.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

A person can subscribe to receive all announcements by e-mail and save announcements by using the 'My Official Announcements' service. Using the 'My Official Announcements' service requires authentication with the person's ID card or mobile ID. The 'My Official Announcements' service enables a person to view archived *Ametlikud Teadaanded* announcements concerning themselves and see who else has read archived announcements concerning them.

It is also possible to use URIs to search for and retrieve announcements in *Ametlikud Teadaanded*. The uniqueness of a URI depends on how many URI components are used. A URI can be used to open one or more published announcements in HTML format, which is similar to a search result, or as an XML or XML-RDF file.

Announcement URIs make it possible to open publicly available announcements which are not intended to be made known to a particular person and the publication of which has not been discontinued.

To use a URI, a web address corresponding to the publication data of the announcement of interest must be created.

More detailed instructions for URI-based searches are available at <https://www.ametlikudteadaanded.ee/avalik/uriotsing>.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

Announcements which are not intended to be made known to particular natural persons, i.e. announcements intended as information for the general public, are available as open data. Announcements which are no longer published and which have been archived are not available as open data.

Open data are downloadable in real time as URIs. The uniqueness of a URI depends on how many URI components are used. A URI can be used to open one or more published announcements in HTML format, which is similar to a search result, or as an XML or XML-RDF file. To use a URI, a web address corresponding to the publication data of the announcement of interest must be created.

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Publication of official announcements - Ireland

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Irish Government Publications website

Irish government publications from government departments and agencies, including news, press releases, and reports.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publications/>

Iris Oifigiúil

Iris Oifigiúil is the official means used by the Irish Government for announcing appointments to public offices and publishing proclamations, statutory instruments, appointment of receivers to companies, etc.

Prima Facie evidence of any proclamation, order, rule, regulation, bye-law, or other official document may be given in any legal proceedings by production of a copy of the Iris purported to contain such matter (Documentary Evidence Act 1925 ss.3-4). Notices in relation to many matters concerning companies must be published in the Iris within six weeks of the delivery to the Registrar of Companies. (S I No 163 of 1973; Companies Amendment Act 1983 s.55).

<https://www.irisoifigiuil.ie/>

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Publication of official announcements - Greece

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

[National Printing Office \(Ethnikó Typografelo\)](#)

['Transparency' \(Diávogeia\)](#)

[Supreme Court \(Áρειος Πάγος\)](#)

[Council of State \(Symvoúlio tis Epikrateías\)](#)

Which types of announcements are published?

National Printing Office: The material published in the Government Gazette is laid down in Article 7 of Law 3469/2006, as in force.

Transparency: All the laws, presidential decrees and acts that must be published on the internet are laid down in Article 2 of Law 3861/2010, as in force.

Supreme Court: Civil and criminal court judgments delivered in or after 2007 are searchable online.

Council of State: Administrative court judgments are searchable online.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

National Printing Office: (Publication in the Government Gazette) announcements are published by the body concerned, at the request of a public body or a body in the broader public sector.

Transparency: The announcements referred to in Article 2 of Law 3861/2010 are published on the internet without delay by the body making the announcement.

Supreme Court: Announcements are published by the body concerned.

Council of State: Announcements are published by the body concerned.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

YES

What types of searches can be made?

Searches for terms, keywords or phrases, register numbers, judgment numbers, issue numbers, themes, categories, types, bodies, dates.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

National Printing Office: 1997

Transparency: 2010

Supreme Court: 2007

Council of State: 2016

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

No

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

Yes.

Each body is responsible for the functioning and content of the database of official announcements that it manages. Thus the repository and/or technical information are kept by the relevant bodies in their in-house databases.

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Publication of official announcements - Spain

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Official announcements are published in the various official gazettes corresponding to the different levels of central, regional and local government that make up Spain's Administration.

All gazettes have official, authentic versions published electronically, and provide database services that can be used to locate published announcements.

The websites are the following:

State: <http://www.boe.es/>

17 autonomous communities and 2 autonomous cities: all websites can be accessed via http://www.boe.es/legislacion/enlaces/boletines_autonomicos.php

Local authorities (provincial official gazettes): all websites can be accessed via http://www.boe.es/legislacion/enlaces/boletines_provinciales.php

Which types of announcements are published?

administrative acts (personnel issues, administrative decisions, decisions making public various administrative actions)

public tender notices

unsuccessful notification announcements

certain announcements published by the courts.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

All public administrations, each in its corresponding official gazette.

The courts.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Yes.

What types of searches can be made?

free text (including names of individuals)

type

issuing organisation

date of issue

date of publication

official number.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

The law permitting electronic publication of official gazettes was adopted in 2007.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Yes, for the Spanish Official State Gazette and most of the official gazettes for the autonomous communities and cities. The function is not widely available for provincial official gazettes.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository or technical information be found?

The open data policy depends on each official gazette, some of which have open data and xml format.

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Publication of official announcements - Croatia

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Official announcements are published on the website of the Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia and on the e-Notice board of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia.

<https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/> (the Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia)

<https://e-oglasna.pravosudje.hr/> (the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia)

Which types of announcements are published?

Announcements regarding public procurement, e-auctions, concessions, competitions, job vacancies, notifications on companies, announcements by chambers, decisions on the initiation of bankruptcy and shortened bankruptcy proceedings, decisions on legal incapacity, liquidations, judicial and notary public announcements, entries in a court register, etc. are published on the e-Notice board.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Narodne novine d.d. (the Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia);

The e-Notice board of the Ministry of Justice also features different decisions made by courts and other competent authorities in bankruptcy proceedings (decisions on the initiation of bankruptcy proceedings, calls for hearings); the Ministry of Justice is competent for maintaining the IT system necessary for the functioning of the e-Notice board;

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Yes. It is free of charge.

What types of searches can be made?

It is possible to search the websites of the Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia using a term, date of announcement, type of announcement or specific area of announcement (e.g. exchange rate);

It is possible to search the e-Notice board using a file mark, a copy name, the subject that the advertisement refers to or a PIN.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

Announcements in electronic form have been published since January 2014 on the website of the Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia.

The e-Notice board software application was established, i.e. commissioned on 1 November 2014.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

The Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia has established a notification system for public announcements which refer to public procurement procedures (Electronic public procurement announcement tool) – the notifications for end users are sent to the email address or to a personalised electronic mailbox.

No user notification system has been established for announcements which are published on the e-Notice board. The exceptions are the Tax Administration (*Porezna uprava*) and the Financial Agency (*Financijska agencija*; FINA), for which the Ministry of Justice has established a web service through which those institutions can download data from the e-Notice board (several times) daily.

The official announcements are not available as open data.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

The official announcements are not available as open data.

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Publication of official announcements - Cyprus

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

They are published in hard copy format, which is the format with legal effect, and on the Internet, freely accessible at <http://www.mof.gov.cy/gpo>

Which types of announcements are published?

The following announcements are published: vacant posts in the public sector, public tenders, expropriations and requisitions, appointments, promotions and confirmation and revocation of appointments, retirements, appointments of office-holders' deputies, resignations, appointments of ministers, death notices, arrival, departure and deputisation for the President of the Republic, appointments of the President of the Republic, decisions of the Council of Ministers and of the Parliament, government and private members' bills, international agreements, departmental organisation charts, and announcements required by legislation, e.g. by the Companies Act

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

The State

Semi-governmental organisations

Local authorities

Individuals (lawyers) on the basis of the provisions of the Companies Act

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Yes

What types of searches can be made?

All contents which are published in the Cyprus Government Gazette (*Epísimi Efimerída*)

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

As of 10 December 2004

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

No

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

Official announcements are freely available as open data on the website of the Government Printing Office (*Kyvernitikó Typograféio*): <http://www.mof.gov.cy/gpo>

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Publication of official announcements - Latvia

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

In Latvia, official announcements are published in [Latvijas Vēstnesis, the official gazette of the Republic of Latvia..](#)

Which types of announcements are published?

The following classes of notice are published in the official gazette:

Activity reports

Auctions

Court judgments

Doctoral theses

Information concerning inheritances

Information concerning privatisation

Information from the commercial register

Information from the register of enterprises

Information from the register of European economic interest groupings

Information from the register of political parties

Information on competitions for posts

Matrimonial property regimes

Notices on territorial planning

Notices to creditors

Notices to settle liabilities
Notices to shareholders and members
Revocation of powers
State Treasury
Summonses to appear in court
Supply and work execution orders
Withdrawals of documents and of official stamps
Miscellaneous notices

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

The official gazette publishes official announcements submitted by authorities and institutions or by individuals (entries in public registers, notices, announcements or information from public entities and their officials and from individuals) where the official publication of such announcements is provided for in legislation.

[↗ List of laws and regulations providing for official publication.](#)

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Yes.

What types of searches can be made?

The search can be made by entering free text.

Results can be filtered by year of publication and class of notice.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

On the site of the official gazette [↗ https://www.vestnesis.lv](https://www.vestnesis.lv) the electronic version of all issues of the official gazette is available from the date of its first publication, namely 25 February 1993.

For documents that appeared up to 1 July 2012, the official publication is the one in the print version of the gazette.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

No.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

No, but the official announcements are available for re-use of information. [↗ More on the re-use of the information published in the official gazette.](#)

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Publication of official announcements - Malta

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Official announcements are published [↗ here](#).

Which types of announcements are published?

Official announcements are as follows:

Government notices
Public notices
Health notices
Police announcements
Announcements to mariners
Social housing schemes
Central Bank announcements
Exam result notices
Court announcements
Local Council announcements

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Official announcements are published by Ministries, public bodies, the Courts of Justice and local councils.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Yes.

What types of searches can be made?

Free text.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

Official announcements have been available in electronic format since June 2003.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

This service is not available.

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Publication of official announcements - Netherlands

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Official announcements are published on [↗ officielebekendmakingen.nl](http://officielebekendmakingen.nl). You can find old announcements [↗ here](#).

Which types of announcements are published?

All announcements that appear in the Netherlands' seven official journals are published on the above websites. New or amending legislation is published in the *Staatsblad* (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees). The *Staatscourant* (Government Gazette) is used to publish regulations, as well as announcements by government organisations if their inclusion in this publication is legally required. Treaties and other international agreements to which the Netherlands is a party are published in the *Tractatenblad* (Treaty Series), while the *Provinciaal blad* (Provincial Gazette), *Gemeentebled* (Municipal Gazette) and

Waterschapsblad (Water Authority Gazette) are used to publish regulations of and announcements by provincial, municipal and water authorities respectively. The **Blad gemeenschappelijke regelingen** (Joint Local Authority Arrangements Gazette) is used to publish regulations of and announcements by partnerships between different public authorities.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

All organisations that are legally required to publish their announcements.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Yes, access to the official announcements is **free of charge**.

What types of searches can be made?

The current day's announcements can be viewed at officielebekendmakingen.nl. Here you can only filter your search by publication name.

At zoek.officielebekendmakingen.nl you can search for words in the title or text and filter your search by publication date, publication name, publishing organisation and subject (for which there is a fixed list of options).

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

1995.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Anyone can register for a notification service free of charge. Two types of service are available:

The standard notification service allows users to save a search request. They are then sent an email containing a hyperlink to every new document that meets the search criteria.

There is also a service called '*Berichten over uw buurt*' ('Notices about your neighbourhood'), which enables citizens to receive a daily email containing an overview of all notices published by regional and local authorities that are relevant to their own neighbourhood. They can define their 'own neighbourhood' by entering their postcode and a radius (in hundreds of metres).

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

The official announcements are **freely** available as open data via an SRU interface (SRU = Search/Retrieve via URL).

The guide (and address) for this web service can be found at koopoverheid.nl (in Dutch only).

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Publication of official announcements - Austria

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

<https://www.justiz.gv.at/>

<https://www.ediktsdatei.justiz.gv.at/>

Which types of announcements are published?

The following types of announcements are published on the <http://www.justiz.gv.at/> website:

Reports

Expert opinions

Opinions

Evaluations

Circulars

Guidelines

Texts for consultation

Statutes

Statistics

Handbooks

Vacancy notices

Publication of appointments.

The following announcements are published on the <http://www.edikte.justiz.gv.at/> website (*Ediktsdatei* – 'Edict file'):

Insolvency cases (bankruptcies, reorganisations, debt settlements)

Sales and leases in insolvency proceedings

Auctions ordered by the court

Property

Moveable assets

Judicial receivership

Voluntary auctions

Edicts and announcements in criminal proceedings

Announcements by the criminal courts

Criminal recovery procedure

Service notifications in criminal proceedings

Termination of investigations

Public notices

Court-appointed administrators and service by public announcement

Cancellation of securities

Death certificates/proof of cause of death

Edicts in probate proceedings

Edicts under the Custody and Sequestration Act (*Verwahrungs- und Einziehungsgesetz*)

Residents' representation under Section 8 of the Nursing Home Residence Act (*Heimaufenthaltsgesetz*)

Patients' advocates under Section 13 of the Hospitalisation Act (*Unterbringungsgesetz*)

Service by public announcement to legal persons

Service by public announcement by the Commercial Courts (*Firmenbuchgerichte*)

Announcements by Commercial Courts
Edicts by Land Registry Courts (*Grundbuchgerichte*)
Decisions of the Restrictive Practices Court (*Kartellgericht*)
Austrian Justice Publications (*Kundmachungen der Justiz*)
Publications by companies

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

By the Federal Ministry of Justice (*Bundesministerium für Justiz*).
By courts, public prosecutors, lawyers and notaries.

Is access to official announcements free of charge?

Yes.

What types of searches can be made?

The Ministry of Justice's home page (<http://www.justiz.gv.at/>) offers a simple word search which checks all documents on the website. All categories on the *Ediktsdatei* website (<http://www.edikte.justiz.gv.at/>) offer the option of a word search. In addition, for several categories of announcements users can search by file number. For auctions a search by object is also available. These are just some examples of search types as there is such a wide variety of search options across the various categories.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

The website of the Ministry of Justice (<http://www.justiz.gv.at/>) and the *Ediktsdatei* website (<http://www.edikte.justiz.gv.at/>) have been online since 2000.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

No.

Are official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

The announcements on the *Ediktsdatei* website are freely available and can also be reprocessed as HTML files (there is no copy protection). A licence can also be obtained under the Re-use of Public Information Act (*Informationsweiterverwendungsgesetz – IWG*). However, the data are currently unavailable in open data format.

The publications on <http://www.justiz.gv.at/> predominantly relate to existing documents in PDF format. There are some MS Word documents, although this is rare. All publications are rendered as freely available HTML pages as part of the WCMS (Web Content Management System). The documents are available for download as attachments on the HTML pages.

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Publication of official announcements - Portugal

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

They are published on the website of the Portuguese official gazette, the [Diário da República Eletrónico](#).

What types of announcements are published?

The *Diário da República* is made up of two series. Series 1 contains publications of:
constitutional laws

international conventions, the corresponding presidential decrees, deposit notices for binding instruments (in particular, ratification instruments), and other notices relating to such conventions

organic laws, laws, decree-laws and regional legislative decrees

decrees of the President of the Republic

resolutions of the Assembly of the Republic

decrees of Representatives of the Portuguese Head of State appointing and dismissing Presidents and members of the regional governments of the Azores and Madeira

the rules of procedure of the Assembly of the Republic, the Council of State and the legislative assemblies of the Autonomous Regions

rulings and declarations of the Constitutional Council that the law states must be published in Series 1 of the *Diário da República*

rulings standardising case-law of the Supreme Court of Justice and the Court of Auditors and rulings of the Supreme Administrative Court on which the law confers general binding force

results of referendums and elections for the President of the Republic, the Assembly of the Republic, the legislative assemblies of the Autonomous Regions and the European Parliament, in accordance with the relevant legislation

the resignation message of the President of the Republic

motions rejecting the Government's Programme and motions of confidence and censure

opinions of the Council of State as provided for in Article 145(a)-(e) of the Constitution and any opinions the Council of State itself decides to publish

other government decrees

resolutions of the Council of Ministers and ministerial implementing orders containing general provisions

resolutions of the legislative assemblies of the Autonomous Regions and regional regulatory decrees

rulings of other courts not mentioned above on which the law confers general binding force

declarations regarding the resignation or loss of mandate of members of the Assembly of the Republic and members of the legislative assemblies of the Autonomous Regions.

In addition to other acts that must be published in Series 2, the following are published in Series 2:

legislative orders of members of the Government

results of elections to local authority bodies

State-department budgets that the law states must be published in the *Diário da República* and declarations of transfers of funds.

Acts published in Series 2 of the *Diário da República* can be of the following types: agreement, announcement, arbitration ruling, balance sheet, collective employment agreement, commendation, contract, correction declaration, court ruling, declaration, deliberation, directive, edict, extension regulation, instruction, judgment, legislative order, list, map, membership agreement, ministerial implementing order, notice, notice of the Bank of Portugal, official map, official statement, opinion, order, permit, protocol, recommendation, regulation, regulation of the Securities Market Commission, regulatory standard of the Securities and Pension Funds Supervisory Authority, report, resolution, ruling and trial balance. Also included are urgent tender notices, procedure notices, deadline extension notices and notice correction declarations.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

The bodies legally responsible for or involved in publishing acts in the *Diário da República* include: the Presidency of the Republic, the Assembly of the Republic, the Government, the legislative assemblies and regional governments of the Autonomous Regions of the Azores and Madeira, direct and indirect public administration, the courts, the public prosecutor, independent administrative bodies, and local authority autonomous administration and bodies.

Is access to the official announcements free?

Yes. Under Decree-Law No 83/2016 of 16 December, the *Diário da República* is a public service open to everyone and free of charge. It is published only in electronic form. [Decree Law No 83/2016](#)

What types of searches can be made?

Universal and free access includes the possibility of printing, filing, searching and freely accessing the content of acts published in Series 1 and 2 of the *Diário da República*, in open-access electronic formats.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

The electronic edition of the *Diário da República* has been authentic and the acts published in it valid for all legal purposes since 1 July 2006, pursuant to Article 1(5) of Law No 74/98 of 11 November 1998, as currently in force.

In addition, July 2019 saw the launch of the *Diário da República* mobile application with extra functions, such as creating a personalised profile for each user and the use of a notification system with access to consolidated legislation.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Yes. Specifically regarding the sending of notifications, users are able to receive the indexes of Series 1 and 2 of the *Diário da República* by e-mail, by prior registration or by RSS (Really Simple Syndication) subscription.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

Yes.

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Publication of official announcements - Romania

The information on this page concerns the official announcements issued by public institutions (notices, procedural acts etc.), which are not legislative in nature or which do not establish generally applicable obligations, but which are published in the Official Gazette of Romania or in other publications, and are available online in electronic form, in accordance with the applicable law. Thus, neither legislative acts nor court judgments are considered, except for those which must be published in order to acquire a certain legal effect (e.g. insolvency-related court judgments).

The material is not exhaustive, as it approaches certain relevant cases from the viewpoint of publication of official announcements, more specifically: acts published in the Official Gazette of Romania, acts published on the portal and website of the National Trade Register (*Oficiul Național al Registrului Comerțului*) or in the Insolvency Bulletin, and acts published on the Portal of Courts.

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

I. The Official Gazette of Romania

The "Monitorul Oficial" Autonomous Company publishes the Official Gazette of Romania in both printed and electronic format. For details on the published acts, and on their online availability, please see the following sections.

The e-product (e-Monitor) is available at [this address](#).

II. The National Trade Register (ONRC)

a) Before they start their economic activity, professionals have the obligation to apply for registration/listing in the trade register, and during their operation of business or upon termination of business, they must request the addition of notes to the trade register as regards the acts and facts the registration of which is required by the law.

Registration in the trade register means legal publication by ONRC: the records, data and registered acts have effect vis-à-vis third parties as from their registration date or publication in the Official Gazette of Romania or on the website/services portal of ONRC under the law.

Registration and notes have effect vis-à-vis third parties as from their entry to the trade register or publication in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part IV or VII, or in another publication, where otherwise provided for by the law.

[The ONRC website](#)

[The ONRC services portal](#)

b) ONRC also publishes the Insolvency Bulletin in electronic format: the section which provides the public service for the service of documents to parties, the communication of judgments, the convocation and notification of procedural acts issued by courts/insolvency administrators/court-appointed liquidators/other authorised persons under the insolvency proceedings in accordance with Law No 85/2014 on insolvency preventing procedures and insolvency proceedings, as subsequently amended and supplemented, and the section "Debtors - natural persons with obligations not arising from the operation of business" (*Debitori - persoane fizice cu obligații ce nu decurg din exploatarea unei întreprinderi*) in accordance with Law No 151/2015 on insolvency proceedings for natural persons.

For *professionals* covered by Law No 85/2014 on insolvency preventing procedures and insolvency proceedings, as subsequently amended and supplemented, the procedural acts served/sent by courts, insolvency practitioners (insolvency administrators/court-appointed liquidators), and by other authorised persons under the law are published in the *Insolvency Bulletin*, a publication available on the [online services portal of ONRC](#).

The judgment ascertaining the debtor's (professional's) reorganisation plan, as a procedural act, under Law No 85/2014 on insolvency preventing procedures and insolvency proceedings, as subsequently amended and supplemented, is published in Part IV of the Official Gazette of Romania.

For *natural persons* covered by Law No 151/2015 on insolvency proceedings for natural persons, the procedural acts served/delivered by the insolvency board, the procedural administrator, the liquidator and the court authorities are published in the section "Debtors - natural persons with obligations not arising from the operation of a business" of the Insolvency Bulletin, a publication available on the website <http://www.bpi.ro/>.

III. The Courts Portal

[The Courts Portal](#) is administered by the Ministry of Justice. Each court in Romania has a website on this portal. The information on these websites is entered and maintained directly by the court staff, except for the information about cases and meetings, which is automatically taken from the electronic case management system used at court level.

In order to access a website of a particular court from the [home page](#) of the Courts Portal, the region to which that court pertains (which is the jurisdictional area of a court of appeal) and then that court from the list are selected.

Which types of announcements are published?

I. The Official Gazette of Romania


In terms of official announcements, in accordance with Law No 202 of 9 November 1998 on the organisation of the Official Gazette of Romania, as republished:

The following are published in Part III, on grounds of legal provisions: legal acts, documents, notifications, announcements and others alike (e.g. staff recruitment announcements; competitions for public job vacancies; judgments concerning the cancellation of the bill of exchange/cheque; the regular activity report of public authorities; notices on the entry competition for the National Magistracy Institute (*Institutul Național al Magistraturii*), the competence examination for magistrates and the list of vacancies for magistrates; the notice for competition for assistant magistrate job vacancies at the High Court of Cassation and Justice etc.);

On grounds of legal provisions, legal acts, which concern economic operators and other categories of legal persons, as well as other acts established under legal provisions, are published in Part IV (e.g. the decision for recognition in Romania of foreign non-profit legal persons; judgments approving the modification of the political party statute; the tribunal's decision to initiate bankruptcy proceedings; the auction notices for sale of goods; the end of the validity period of the authorisation of a credit institution and the decision of the National Bank of Romania to withdraw the authorisation; the decisions of the general director of the Romanian Copyright Office to withdraw or suspend the registration certificate etc.)

the collective agreement concluded at national and branch level, the conventions and recommendations of the International Labour Organisation, and other acts established under legal provisions, are published in Part V;

contract award notices under public procurement and award notices for public works and services concession contracts, public supply concession contracts and other notices established under legal provisions (e.g. notices under Law No 350/2005 on the regime of grants; concessions – contract notices under Emergency Order No 54/2006 on the regime of public supply concession contracts).

Note: in accordance with Law No 98/2016 on public procurement, notices are published at national level through the  SEAP e-procurement system which is used for the purpose of applying the award procedures through electronic means.

On grounds of legal provisions, legal acts concerning cooperatives and other categories of legal persons established by cooperatives, and other acts related to cooperation, as established under legal provisions (e.g. the delegate judge's conclusion for registration of the cooperative in the trade register, the liquidators' designation act, and any other act which might bring changes to their personality etc.) are published in Part VII.

II. The National Trade Register (ONRC)

a) With regard to *professionals registered in the Trade Register*:

the extract of the resolution/the registration resolution (Official Gazette of Romania, Part IV or VII);

acts amending instruments of incorporation and notifications on the submission of the updated instrument of incorporation (Official Gazette of Romania);

judgments, for the cases provided for by the law (Official Gazette of Romania);

court decisions ruling on dissolution (in Part IV of the Official Gazette of Romania and on the website of the National Trade Register or on its online services portal);

liquidator designation resolutions under Article 237(6) of Law No 31/1990 on companies (on the website of the National Trade Register and on its online services portal);

merger/break-up projects (in Part IV of the Official Gazette of Romania or, at the applicant's choice, on the own website of the company and, in this case, the trade register where the company is registered will publish the merger or break-up project on its own website free of charge);

the resolutions rejecting the registration application and the registrations not resulting in the amendment of the instrument of incorporation (on the website of the National Trade Register or on its online services portal);

the list of companies for which the National Trade Register is to file actions for dissolution in accordance with Article 237(2) of Law No 31/1990 on companies (the website or the online services portal);

the list of companies for which the National Trade Register is to file actions for removal in accordance with Article 237(9) of Law No 31/1990 on companies (the website of the National Trade Register or the online services portal);

the list of companies for which the National Trade Register is to file actions for removal in accordance with Article 260(7) of Law No 31/1990 is posted on the website of the National Trade Register or on its online services portal;

the tribunal's decisions ruling the removal under Article 237(10) of Law No 31/1990 on companies (on the website of the National Trade Register or on its online services portal);

the tribunal's decisions ruling the removal under Article 260(8) of Law No 31/1990 on companies (on the website of the National Trade Register and on its online services portal).

b) For *professionals* covered by Law No 85/2014 on insolvency prevention procedures and insolvency proceedings, as subsequently amended and supplemented, the following procedural acts issued by courts, insolvency practitioners (the insolvency administrator/court-appointed liquidator) and other authorised persons are published in the Insolvency Bulletin in accordance with the law:

summons to appear, notices and judgments;

convocations and notifications;

other procedural acts provided for by the law.

For *natural persons* covered by Law No 151/2015 on the insolvency proceedings for natural persons, the following procedural acts served/delivered by the insolvency board, the insolvency administrator, the liquidator and the court authorities are published in Section "*Debtors – natural persons with obligations not arising from the operation of a business*" of the Insolvency Bulletin:

decisions of the insolvency board;



notices;

judgments;

other procedural acts provided for by the law.

III. The Courts Portal

In accordance with Article 167 of the Coded of Civil Procedure (Law No 134/2010), when the claimant alleges, on a reasoned basis, that, although they had done everything they could, they could not find out the defendant's domicile or another place where the latter could be served under the law, the court will be able to approve the service of documents with regard to that defendant by publicity. The service by publicity consists in displaying the writ of summons on the court's door, *on the portal of the competent court* and at the last known domicile of the person served. Where it deems necessary, the court will order and publish the writ of summons in the Official Gazette of Romania or in a widespread central newspaper.

In this respect, a  general section dedicated to service by publicity is operated on the Courts Portal. Also, the website of each court also hosts a section dedicated to service by publicity (see, for example,  the website of Bucharest Tribunal).

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Depending on the legislation applicable to each type of announcement, the Official Gazette of Romania or the issuing institutions.

With regard to the particular cases presented above: The National Trade Register, the Official Gazette of Romania or the courts.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

I. The Official Gazette of Romania

The acts published in Parts III-VII of the Official Gazette of Romania are accessible free of charge on the Internet and available in the reading form for ten days from their publication.

The products in electronic form available online for a consideration (Expert-Monitor and Autentic-monitor), including the charges applied by the "Monitorul Oficial" Autonomous Company, are described on the [website](#) thereof.

II. The National Trade Register (ONRC)

a) Yes, the announcements related to professionals registered with the Trade Register on the [portal of the National Trade Register](#).

b) Access to the Insolvency Bulletin, the online publication with published procedural acts of professionals going into insolvency in accordance with Law No 85/2014 on the insolvency preventing procedures and the insolvency proceedings, is granted under a paid subscription.

Access to the section "*Debtors – natural persons with obligations not arising from the operation of a business*" of the Insolvency Bulletin is granted free of charge to the debtor, the creditors, the insolvency administrator/liquidator, the insolvency board, and the court in the case where they hold such position.

The [ONRC online services portal](#) displays a series of free information about the persons published in the Insolvency Bulletin.

III. The Courts Portal

Access to the Courts Portal is free.

What types of searches can be made?

I. The Official Gazette of Romania

In the free version of the Official Gazette of Romania ([e-Monitor](#)) no automatic searches of published acts can be performed. Thus, users only have the option of selecting, via a calendar, the publication date and number of the Official Gazette (for each Part).

II. The National Trade Register (ONRC)

a) In regard to the *professionals registered in the Trade Register*, searches may be performed according to one or a maximum combination of the following search criteria:

Trade register number

County

Company name

Publication date

Tax code

Balance sheet year

b) With regard to the *debtors under the insolvency proceedings*, the searches may be performed in the Section "*Insolvency Bulletin (BPI) Online Services*" (*Servicii online BPI*), in the sub-sections "*Persons published in BPI*" (*Persoane publicate in BPI*) and "*BPI Number Summary*" (*Sumar număr BPI*), by using the following selection criteria:

the person published in BPI;

the bulletin number;

the case number;

the tax registration number;

registered business number;

publication period;

year of publication in BPI.

III. The Courts Portal

Writs of summons may be searched on the Courts Portal by the name (forename and name or just one of these elements) of the summoned party.

If the [general section](#) of the Courts Portal is used, the search results will be writs of summons published by all courts, and if a section dedicated to a particular court is used (e.g. [the Bucharest Tribunal](#)), the search results will be only writs of summons published by that court.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

I. The Official Gazette of Romania

[e-Monitor](#) – 2008

II. The National Trade Register (ONRC)

a) With regard to professionals registered in the Trade Register, 2012.

b) The National Trade Register published the first issue of the Insolvency Bulletin in electronic format on 1 August 2006 and it can be viewed on the [ONRC online services portal](#).

III. The Courts Portal

The facility regarding the service of documents by publicity has been available on the [Courts Portal](#) since March 2013.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Not applicable

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

The Courts Portal allows for [scheduled access](#) only to sets of data regarding case files and meetings, **not** to the service of documents by publicity. The information on the latter is available only in HTML format.

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Publication of official announcements - Slovakia

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

[Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic](#)

[Special Criminal Court](#)

[Banská Bystrica Regional Court](#)

- [Bratislava Regional Court](#)
- [Košice Regional Court](#)
- [Nitra Regional Court](#)
- [Prešov Regional Court](#)
- [Trenčín Regional Court](#)
- [Trnava Regional Court](#)
- [Žilina Regional Court](#)
- [District courts \(list\)](#)

Which types of announcements are published?

Courts' **official noticeboards** are used to publish announcements concerning the scheduling of a court's activities, public announcements of judgments, notices of service, notices of the service of documents, resolutions of the Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic, notifications concerning final reports, notices announcing the commencement of enforcement, orders cancelling bankruptcy proceedings, notices of appeals lodged, orders accepting articles on deposit, and orders on the reversion of deposits to the state.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Notices are published by all regional and district courts in the justice system.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Yes.

What types of searches can be made?

Searches can be made by entering one of the following in the search field on the Official Noticeboard webpage: the title of the document, part of the title or the registration number.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

Courts have been able to publish official announcements in electronic format since 2011.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

No.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

No.

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Publication of official announcements - Finland

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

- [Kuulutusrekisteri \(announcement register\)](#)
- [Virallinen lehti \(Official Gazette\)](#)

Which types of announcements are published?

The announcement register is updated with information about announcements based on decisions by courts or authorities concerning:

- public summons notified by a district court;
- mergers of foundations notified by a district court;
- mergers, demergers or divisions of funds of a limited company, or other measure or decision referred to in the legislation on communities and foundations, which must be announced in the Official Gazette; or
- bailliff's announcements.

The Official Gazette publishes the notifications, announcements and other documents that are required to be published in the Official Gazette by an act, decree or other decision issued by a lower court.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

The announcement register publishes **the notifications of district courts, enforcement agencies and the Finnish Trade Register (PRH).**

Announcements notified by district courts to the announcement register:

- Public summons to creditors
- Merging of foundations

Announcements notified by enforcement agencies to the announcement register:

- Forming of creditors' agreements
- Discussion of division of assets
- Correspondence with creditors

Announcements notified by the Finnish Trade Register (PRH) to the announcement register:

- Transfer of the registered office of an SE
- Demergers
- Public summons in liquidation proceedings
- Public summons to creditors of foundations in liquidation
- Reduction of the initial fund
- Merger by the formation of a new company
- Announcement to holders of special rights
- Announcement to creditors of an acquiring foundation
- Announcement to creditors of an acquiring entity
- Announcement to creditors of an acquiring entity in a demerger
- Transfer of all or part of a business
- Renunciation of the authorisation of a credit institution
- Conversion of a public limited company into a private limited company
- Capital reduction
- Conversion of a cooperative into a private limited company

Removal of a cooperative from the trade register
Renunciation of the authorisation of a co-operative bank
Ordering liquidation proceedings or removal from the register
Reduction of the investment capital
Merger
Amendment of the rules or exemption from a provision
Distribution of free equity
Reduction of the reserve fund
Distribution of profits
Invitation to order the dissolution of an association
Amendment of the articles of association or exemption from a provision
Reduction of the share premium account
Invitation to order the liquidation of a company or its removal from the register
Change of company form

In addition to these, **the Official Gazette** publishes the notifications, announcements and other documents of a number of other organisations.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Announcement register: yes

Official Gazette: PDF copies have been free of charge since 2011. There is a charge for Credita's [Virallinen.fi](#) service.

1 user, price/licence: EUR 200/year, 2-5 users, price/licence: EUR 145/year, over 5 users, price/licence: EUR 124/year

What types of searches can be made?

Entries in the **announcement register** can be searched using the following parameters:

Announcement type
Subject of announcement
Business ID / date of birth / year of birth
Due date
Domicile
Case number issued by district court

In addition to other search criteria, an unrestricted keyword search is available in the paid database of the **Official Gazette**.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

Announcement register: 1 April 2004

Official Gazette: since 2011

Can searches be saved and email notifications sent when criteria are met?

Announcement register: no, this is not possible.

Official Gazette: searches can be saved and notifications received via email when using the paid database.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

Not available as open data.

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Publication of official announcements - Scotland

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Official announcements are placed for public information into the [Edinburgh Gazette](#), Scotland's regional version of the UK "State Gazette".

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