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1. Decision Support Module (DSM)

The main purpose of testing this module is to understand whether it fulfils the assigned task to facilitate users in finding solutions and advice when solving civil and commercial PIL cases. It is necessary to see whether the module is capable to offer assistance in resolving the most frequently encountered issues in the specified subject area. To this end, the testing workshop participants will be asked to solve an example hypothesis that describes a specific Internet-related PIL case (e.g. the Hypotheticals from InterLex International Training or similar can be used also for testing purposes). Once they become familiar with the facts, participants will be asked to determine jurisdiction and applicable law using DSM. When they complete the task, they will be asked to provide feedback on the following DSM elements:

1.1. QUESTIONS

1. Do you find the questions clearly stated?
 - Certainly yes

- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

⇒ Which are the questions that are not clear (provide exact reference):

2. Do the questions help you to describe in sufficient details and specify correctly your PIL case?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

⇒ Which are the additional aspects that are missing:

1.2. COMMENTS

1. Are the expert comments relevant?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

⇒ Which are the less relevant ones (provide exact reference):

2. Do the comments help you to clarify which of the options offered by the system relates to your PIL case?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

3. Are the hyperlinks to EU legislation and case law provided in the comments useful?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

1.3. REFERENCES

1. Do you find it helpful to see a list of the relevant EU legislation and case law, provided at each step of the interaction with the platform?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

1.4. ANSWERS

1. In solving the hypothetical case, did the answers provided by the platform help you determine the jurisdiction and applicable law?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

2. Do you find the answers well-motivated and justified?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

⇒ In which case the answer was not justified?

1.5. NAVIGATION AND INTERFACE

1. Do you generally consider the navigation in the DSM intuitive and logical?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

2. Is the interface user friendly?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

2. Find Law Module (FLM)

The purpose of FLM testing is to understand whether users could find relevant legislation, case law and/or expert materials in the PIL area using this module and whether the organisation of the information and the developed functionalities facilitate the retrieval of the documents. To this end, the fulfilment of specific search tasks will be required. In addition, when testing the module, similarly to DSM testing,

example hypotheses may be offered in which participants can find specific pieces of legislation and relevant case law by using the FLM. As a result, feedback on the following FLM features should be obtained:

2.1. SELECTION OF THE INFORMATION AND CONTENT SCOPE

1. Does the FLM include all relevant legislation and case law that you consider applicable in the provided test case?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

⇒ Which are the missing sources (provide exact reference):

2. Are specially selected "Internet related PIL cases" helpful?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

3. Do you find the provided expert materials helpful?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

2.2. SEARCHING, FILTERING, SORTING

1. When searching for a particular piece of legislation, do you easily and quickly reach it? In particular:

A. Is the requested document easy to find by setting keywords in the Quick search (e.g. „Brussels I bis“)?


- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

B. Is the requested document easy to find using the Advanced search criteria (such as number and year of the act, date of publication, etc.)?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no

- Certainly no
2. Do you consider useful and convenient the functionality for filtering of search results?
- Certainly yes
 - Rather yes
 - Rather no
 - Certainly no
3. Do you consider the Multilingual dictionary as useful for performing multilingual searches?
- Certainly yes
 - Rather yes
 - Rather no
 - Certainly no
4. How you estimate the “Cross-lingual search” option allowing to write a search query in English, Italian or Bulgarian and receive a list of documents not only in the language of the query, but also in the other two languages, which contain the search expression translated automatically by the module?
- Certainly useful
 - Rather useful
 - Rather useless
 - Certainly useless

2.3. REFERENCES, HYPERLINKS

1. How you appreciate the feature “Links from other documents” () on the left side of the individual provisions of an EU legislative instrument, which allows to find cases referring to a particular provision of the act or a particular structural element of a provision?
- Certainly useful
 - Rather useful
 - Rather useless
 - Certainly useless

2.4. ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONALITIES FOR REGISTERED USERS

1. Do you consider useful the features for registered users - Recent documents, My documents, My searches?
- Certainly yes
 - Rather yes
 - Rather no
 - Certainly no

2.5. NAVIGATION AND INTERFACE

1. Do you generally consider FLM navigation intuitive and logical?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

2. Is the interface user friendly?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

3. Training Module

Testing should determine whether users consider this self-training module useful for student and legal professionals specialised in other areas of law who would like to obtain basic knowledge in the field of European PIL in civil and commercial cases. To do this, we need to get feedback on training materials included in the “SHORT ONLINE COURSE ON EU PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW”:

3.1. TEXT OF THE LESSONS

1. Do you find the topics in the lessons essential and important?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

2. Is the provided summary sufficiently detailed and qualitative as content for self-study purposes?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Certainly no

3.2. TESTS

1. Do tests help to check the obtained knowledge after reading the lesson's summary and the referred reading materials?

- Certainly yes
- Rather yes
- Rather no

- Certainly no
2. Do the test functionalities (e.g. the report card, the results presentation) help you to assess independently the achieved level of knowledge?
- Certainly yes
 - Rather yes
 - Rather no
 - Certainly no

3.3. REFERENCES, HYPERLINKS

1. Are the links that lead to legislation and case law available in the Find Law Module and the EUR-Lex Portal helpful?
- Certainly yes
 - Rather yes
 - Rather no
 - Certainly no

3.4. INTERFACE

1. Do you generally believe that the Training Module is interactive, intuitive and user friendly?
- Certainly yes
 - Rather yes
 - Rather no
 - Certainly no