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Date	Summary of change	Page reference	Rule amended /created
05.12.2022	Updated the accessibility section	Accessibility	Yes
17.11.2022	Uploaded guidelines to measure how visitors interact with a website	Measuring engagement	No
17.10.2022	Uploaded guidelines to build attractive content	Page layouts and components	Yes
29.09.2022	Reviewed and updated the domains and site names request page	Domains and site names	No
24.08.2022	Added EU Login and EU CAPTCHA to the list of Corporate Solutions	Corporate solutions	No
23.08.2022	Uploaded clear instructions regarding content added by users	User content moderation	Yes
09.08.2022	Added definitions of different applications, detailed the request process for mobile applications and added information about the Mobile Office	Applications	Yes
25.05.2022	improved visual explanations regarding the design templates and simplified classification	Rules and guidelines per site types	Yes
24.05.2022	Created a new page explaining the repatriation process	Repatriation	Yes
03.05.2022	Updated and clarified the information related to 3rd party tools	Europa Webtools and third party tools	No
17.03.2022	Uploaded a glossary	Glossary	Yes
17.03.2022	Yearly updated of the list of browsers that must be supported	Browser support	Yes
15.03.2022	Added the rule regarding the language of the EC or EU logo	Logos and icons	Yes
22.02.2022	Added description of the UX services from DG COMM and DIGIT	User Experience	Yes
14.02.2022	Uploaded the funding type of content page	Funding	No
08.12.2021	Uploaded rules about the Asset Manager replacing the Staging Manager	Asset Manager	Yes
26.11.2021	Added rules about the favicon	Logos and icons	No
19.11.2021	Added design rules for EU branded websites	EU branded websites design, EU branded core website design, EU branded harmonised websites design	Yes
19.11.2021	Added the rules for EU branded core and harmonised websites	The inter-institutional website, EU branded websites. EU branded core website, EU branded harmonised websites	Yes
29.10.2021	Added content on bullet points and numbered lists	Formatting	No
13.09.2021	Updated the language coverage policy page and principles	Language coverage policy	No
13.09.2021	Uploaded an introduction to the web guide	About the Web Guide	No
06.08.2021	Added clarity to the contact sections and loaded a feedback section	We welcome your feedback	No
06.08.2021	Updated the section regarding Promotional URLs	Promotional URLs	No

06.08.2 021	Added guidelines regarding the place for logo with exception	Logos and icons	No
23.07.2 021	Added information regarding websites are due to be removed	Archiving	No
13.07.2 021	Added guidelines to the URL structure rules	URL structure	No
13.07.2 021	Added information about fraudulent use of EU and EC Emblems	Logos and icons	No
13.07.2 021	Created the Publications type of content page	Publications	No
04.06.2 021	Updated information regarding data protection and scope of cookies	data protection / cookies and similar technologies	No
03.06.2 021	Updated form, link to the wiki and contacts for social media team	Social media	No
31.05.2 021	Moved training under the Europa service catalogue	Europa service catalogue	No
26.05.2 021	Uploaded the quarterly analytics reports for 2020	Monitor web traffic usage and analytics	No
22.04.2 021	Uploaded the new Web Request Form for revamps and new sites	Revamps and new websites	No
14.04.2 021	Updated the guidelines for copyright notice and disclaimer	Legal notice and copyright	No
23.03.2 021	Uploaded information on EUSurvey in corporate solutions	EUSurvey	No
16.03.2 021	Updated the alternatives to EU jargon	Jargon and clear writing alternatives	No
12.03.2 021	Made the web request form easy to download	Revamps and new sites	No
03.03.2 021	Uploaded how to access the Extranet Confluence Wikis	How to access the Extranet Confluence Wikis	No
01.03.2 021	Added information regarding hierarchy of headings	Formatting	No
23.02.2 021	Uploaded a new list of logo exceptions	Logos and Icons	No
23.02.2 021	Updated guidelines related to archiving	Archiving	No
02.02.2 021	Uploaded new EC standardised and harmonised group 3 templates	Rules and guidelines per site type	No
26.01.2 021	Updated the list browsers supported	Browser support	No
26.01.2 021	Updated information about Europa Analytics	Europa Analytics	No
19.01.2 021	Updated governance rules on core website	Department and related information	Yes
19.01.2 021	Change DEVCO in INTPA	Contacts in DG Communication, per DG and Class managers	No
12.01.2 021	Footnote explain 211 countries (and territories counted separately)	Process to define the 15 classes	No
04.01.2 021	Uploaded rules for adequate protection of data sent over the Internet	Secure Connection to Commission websites	Yes
22.12.2 020	Updated list of corporate solutions	Corporate Solutions	No
18.12.2 020	Published the types of content section with news, event and audiovisual	Types of content	Yes
15.12.2 020	Uploaded new web request form	Revamps and new websites	No
13.11.2 020	Uploaded data protection implications for external links	Web writing guidelines: linking	No
06.11.2 020	Updated the class: live, work and travel in EU	EC branded websites top level architecture: the 15 classes	No

04.11.2020	Uploaded accessibility requirements for links	Web writing guidelines: linking	Yes
04.11.2020	Uploaded the questions and updates of the audience profiles	Basis for user tests, surveys or polls	No
22.10.2020	Added EUSurvey in the list of corporate solutions	Corporate solutions	No
14.10.2020	Published new rule about site moderation	How should websites be moderated?	Yes
8.10.2020	Uploaded Code storage information	Code and documentation storage	Yes
8.10.2020	Added zip. files in the file formats section	File Formats	No
6.10.2020	Added mention of acronyms in URL structure	URL structure	No
5.10.2020	Made governance bodies publically available	Governance bodies	No
5.10.2020	Amended the description of EWPP	Europa Web Publishing Platform	Yes
1.10.2020	Uploaded ECL content on partnership websites	EC branded harmonised websites	No
1.10.2020	Updated Machine Translation page	eTranslation	Yes
29.9.2020	Amended the page regarding Promotional URLs	Promotional URLs	No
24.9.2020	Amended the procedure description for Cookies	Cookies	Yes
9.9.2020	Amended the warning notice in Rule section	Iframes	Yes
13.7.2020	Uploaded latest version of Commission Style Guide (July 2020)	Other style guides	No
8.7.2020	Published new and approved Content Types page	Content types	No
28.4.2020	Added latest version of Web request form (v.04-20) featuring new field: confirmation of the web coordinator	Revamps and new websites Mobile applications Domains and site names	No
27.4.2020	Added factsheets on 'Funding, Tenders', 'Research and Innovation', and 'EU strategy, political priorities' user surveys to the 07. EC branded websites top-level architecture: the 15 classes section of the guide (see page reference)	Funding, tenders Research and Innovation Strategy	No
28.1.2019	Added COMM B3 service catalogue section to guide	15. +COMM+B3+service+catalogue 01. +Customer+Relationship+Management 02. +Governance+of+the+Europa+web+domain 03.+Website+management 04.+Europa+corporate+tools	No
24.1.2019	Added Training videos on Accessibility page to accessibility section of guide	01. Training videos on accessibility	No
20.12.2019	Uploaded new web request form (v.12-19) on three pages	01. +Revamps+and+new+websites 02.+Mobile+applications 04. +Domains+and+sites+names	No
19.12.2019	Linking overview page - inserted clarification - "always specify, with an icon or a label, that the link points to an external site (i.e. a website not under the europa.eu domain)"	01. Linking overview	No
14.10.2019	A comprehensive guide on the procedures to follow when adding or editing content on the European Commission's main website (ec.europa.eu/info).	European Commission website content governance	Yes

14.10.2 019	Alignment of rules with the new Web Accessibility Directive , including update of reference standard from WCAG 2.0 (AA) to WCAG 2.1 (AA). New sections added on: uploading documents; automated accessibility checking tools; writing an accessibility statement; and content that is exempt from the Directive. New accessibility checklist for content creators available.	Accessibility	Yes
14.10.2 019	When introducing a new website or revamp request, it is now mandatory to attach the opinion of your DG's IRM or IT portfolio manager, along with the approval of the Head of Communication unit. The new request form is available on Revamps and new websites - Restricted .	Revamps and new websites request procedure	Yes
14.10.2 019	If required, websites must make use of Europa Webtools and cannot feature third party tools and services.	Third-party tools vs corporate tools and services	Yes
14.10.2 019	Use of the cookie consent kit is mandatory on each page of the European Commission web presence, regardless of the cookies used.	Cookies	Yes
14.10.2 019	In place of templates, the Commission has launched the Europa Component Library, which provides reusable design elements and visual standards for all EU and EC branded websites and web information systems. The components must be used following the specific design rules depending on site category.	Europa Component Library	Yes
14.10.2 019	Depending on their content, new websites and revamps will need to comply with the design constraints linked to their branding and site category.	Design rules and guidelines for the European Commission's websites	Yes
14.10.2 019	New model defined to ensure the coherence, relevance and cost-effectiveness of the Commission's web presence and that its look and feel remains consistent and inspires confidence. Depending on the type of content, two types of branding can be applied to European Commission websites: EU or EC branded. In addition, the model identifies three new categories of websites – core, standardised and harmonised. These new website categories have been created to match various communication objectives. Note that they come with their own design constraints.	Categories of European Commission websites: branding and site categories	Yes