

03. Europa Search

Purpose

Europa Search is the centralised European Commission search engine. It allows web visitors to find relevant information on any particular subject published on Europa websites, irrespective of its location on Europa.

Rules

- Europa Search is mandatory for [core](#) and [standardised](#) sites
- Europa Search is mandatory for [harmonised](#) sites as long as:
 - they host public information (no web information systems protected with login)
 - the information is of public interest
 - Europa Search can be integrated into the site
 - in any of the above cases, platform-specific search engines can be authorised
- in all cases, third-party tools like Google Search are forbidden

Implementation examples

European Commission

- <http://ec.europa.eu/search>
- <https://ec.europa.eu/search>

Europa domain

- <http://europa.eu/search>
- <https://europa.eu/search>

Background

Europa Search is a corporate service managed by DG Communication with DG Informatics' support. Europa Search is being improved continuously based on the user needs, latest trends, and best SEO practices.

Documents

A technical and a functional FAQ and documents about Europa Search essentials, available features and goals are available on: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfs/wikis/display/EuropaSearchWiki>.

Training

For coaching and training about Europa Search and how to use the Europa Search API, please email [Comm Europa Management](#).

Contact and support

If you need assistance to carry out the following:

- request a website to be indexed by the Europa Search engine via PULL/PUSH model
- various search implementations
- functional analysis/feasibility study of departments' specific needs

please contact:

[Comm Europa Management](#)

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