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I. Introduction

1. The discussion within the Council's Working Party on e-Law about a better dissemination of national transposition measures on EUR-Lex has led to the acknowledgement of the need to provide "access not only to directives, but also to the provisions of national measures that put those directives into practice". Member States now have the possibility of choosing if and how they want their measures to be available on EUR-Lex, through the dissemination of the text of the measure as notified to the Secretariat General of the Commission, or through the display of a link to the Member State's national legislation website.

II. State of play

2. An important goal was achieved during the month of November 2016: for the first time, the text of national transposition measures was directly available through EUR-Lex, with the publication of links to the national legislation website of the first Member State to use this possibility, Estonia. Other Member States already expressed their interest to make their transposition measures easily accessible through EUR-Lex; this procedure will also be applied for Spanish and Luxembourgish measures from the beginning of 2017.
3. Member States who wish to make their measures available for publication on EUR-Lex are invited to inform the Commission of the date on which they would like to make them available via the functional mailbox SG-MNE@ec.europa.eu thereby indicating in which way the measure is to be published (text or URL), as well as if the state of transposition (complete or partial) is to be published.

III. National measures and ELI

4. A simplification of the notification procedure for Member States having fully implemented the *European Legislation Identifier (ELI)* is also being prepared by the Secretariat General of the Commission, with the support of the Publications Office.

IV. Next steps

5. The goal of assuring a better dissemination of national transposition measures on EUR-Lex and optimum access to legal information for citizens is now attained with the possibility of directly accessing the provisions of national measures that put directives into practice. Yet, there are still further improvements foreseen, namely:
 - to establish an automatic transmission protocol between the Secretariat General of the Commission and the Publications Office – the measures will be automatically available in EUR-Lex shortly after their notification
 - to improve the granularity of the available data (e.g., the way the replacement of older measures by newer ones is notified leads to some limitations on the way this information is displayed in EUR-Lex; the Secretariat General of the Commission is already working on an improvement of its notification tool in relation with this issue).