Setting up an EU web preservation service for the long-term

*Tales of a (sometimes) bumpy road*

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A word about the Publications Office

- Inter-institutional service provider, evolving from traditional publisher to provider of information management services.
- We publish EU law and other information from EU institutions, and we make it available for easy long-term access and reuse.
- Three pillars of activities: production, access and reuse, long-term preservation.
- We work for around 150 'author services' from EU institutions, agencies and bodies.
- We maintain several websites:
Why?

Facts:

- More and more EU information is only available on the web.
- Web content has often a short life-span.

  **Risk: loss of information!**

Solution: web preservation!

  Contents stay available for future generations, even if it's no longer on the live website (or if the live website doesn't exist anymore).
What (not)?

Aim
Preserving EU online heritage

Scope
- Quarterly crawling of europa.eu domain and subdomains
- Ad hoc crawling of sites that will considerably change or that will be taken offline

Out of scope
- External links (redirection page to live)
- Social media
- Dynamic content / databases
Who and how?
How to access it?

Access via data.europa.eu/webarchive
How else to access it?

Access via https://archive.org/web/
Challenges

- Improving the user interface / usability of the archive
- Outsourcing vs doing it ourselves?
- Quality control: how good is good enough?
- Scope: setting the boundaries
- Distributed harvesting and central access? Collaborations?
- ...

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More information

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Thanks for your attention!

Questions?