

Codebook v 1.0

The Evolution of European Union Law
(EvoEU) Database

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nodes

Data on documents in the acquis communautaire

Description

This dataset includes one observation per node in the network of European Union legal documents. Each node is a document. This network includes primary law (i.e., treaty articles), secondary law (i.e., legislation), and case law (i.e., court cases). The dataset indicates the CELEX number of each document, which is a unique ID number assigned by EUR-Lex, the date of the document, the author of the document, and the type of the document. The dataset includes the following types of documents: treaty articles, directives, regulations, decisions, Court of Justice judgments, advocate general opinions, General Court judgments, national implementing measures (i.e., national legislation that member states enact to transpose EU directives), and national court decisions that apply EU law.

Variables

<code>key_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each observation. Indicates the default sorting order.
<code>celex</code>	<code>string</code> The CELEX number for the document.
<code>node_type_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies the type of the outgoing node.
<code>node_type</code>	<code>string</code> The type of the node. Possible values include: Treaty articles , Directives , Regulations , Decisions , Court of Justice judgments ,

	Advocate general opinions , General Court judgments , National implementing measures , and National court decisions .
author	string The author of the document. If there are multiple authors, they are listed, separated by a comma.
date	date The date of the document in a YYYY-MM-DD format. Coded NA for national implementing measures.
year	numeric The year of the document. Coded NA for national implementing measures.
month	numeric The month of the document. Coded NA for national implementing measures.
day	numeric The day of the document. Coded NA for national implementing measures.

edges

Data on links between documents in the acquis communautaire

Description

This dataset includes one observation per edge in the network of European Union legal documents. An edge is a connection between two documents, created by the newer of the two documents. The dataset tracks the following types of connections: "cites all or part of" (most types of documents), "changes text in clause of" (secondary laws), "replaces clause of" (secondary laws), "adds text to clause of" (secondary laws), "inserts new clause in" (secondary laws), "repeals all or part of" (secondary laws), "has legal basis in" (secondary laws), "interprets all or part of" (references for a preliminary ruling), "answers question referred by" (references for a preliminary ruling), "determines compliance with" (actions for failure to fulfill obligations), "upholds all or part of" (case law), "overturns all or part of" (case law), and "transposes all or part of" (national implementing measures).

Variables

<code>key_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies each observation. Indicates the default sorting order.
<code>outgoing_celex</code>	<code>string</code> The CELEX number of the outgoing document (the document that creates the edge).
<code>outgoing_node_type_id</code>	<code>numeric</code> An ID number that uniquely identifies the type of the outgoing node.
<code>outgoing_node_type</code>	<code>string</code> The type of the outgoing node (the document that creates the edge). Possible values include: <code>Treaty articles</code> ,

	Directives , Regulations . Decisions , Court of Justice judgments , Advocate general opinions , General Court judgments , National implementing measures ,and National court decisions .
edge_type_id	numeric An ID number that uniquely identifies the type of the edge.
edge_type	string The type of the edge. Possible values include: Cites all or part of , Changes text in clause of , Replaces clause of , Adds text to clause of , Inserts new clause in , Repeals all or part of , Has legal basis in , Interprets all or part of , Answers question referred by , Determines compliance with , Upholds all or part of , Overturns all or part of , and Transposes all or part of .
incoming_celex	string The CELEX number of the incoming document (the document that the edge leads to).
incoming_node_type_id	numeric An ID number that uniquely identifies the type of the incoming node.
incoming_node_type	string The type of the incoming node (the document that the edge leads to). Possible values include: Treaty articles , Directives , Regulations . Decisions , Court of Justice judgments , Advocate general opinions , General Court judgments , National implementing measures ,and National court decisions .