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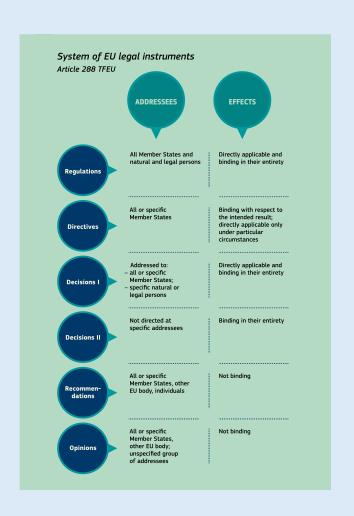


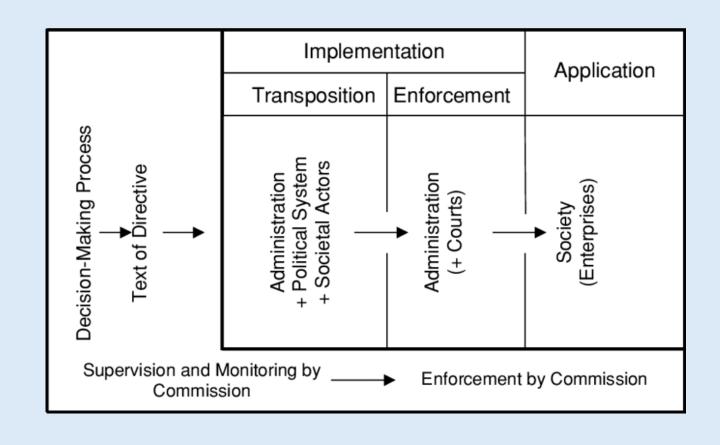
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### EU directives: a quick reminder





### **Lingering on EU Directives:**

Why such a choice of topic?

- A telltale legal and political witness of the coordination and conflict between Member States and the Union
- → A stumbling block & an indicator of frictions around the EU project in general
- Temporal boundaries of our study: the post-Brexit era
  - A quantitative and technical motive
  - An urgency and relevancy motive
  - An intensity and criticity motive



### Overview of the general path we wended



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Step 1: Crafting two databases through scraping

# Gathering relevant directives & transposed legal acts

## Database 1 – Directives

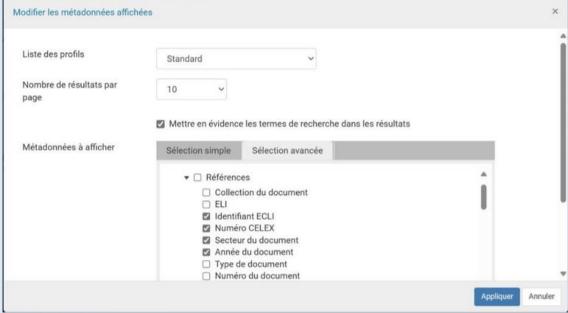
- CELEX number
- Issuing date
- Topic / subject

## Database 2 – Transposed legal acts

- CELEX number
- Country
- Date of the act
- Nature of the date

# Scraping the Eurlex database website: a pseudo static site only





### Beginning the scraping process

```
[10]: import csv
 ...: from selenium import webdriver
                                                                          • As a first step, scrape the CELEX number, i.e. the
 ...: from selenium.webdriver.common.by import By
     from selenium.webdriver.firefox.service import Service
                                                                         common denominator to navigate all legal acts
     from webdriver_manager.firefox import GeckoDriverManager
     from selenium.webdriver.support.ui import WebDriverWait
      from selenium.webdriver.support import expected_conditions as EC
                                                                          • Repeat the process for the date and the subject
 ...: from time import sleep
 ...: from selenium.common.exceptions import NoSuchElementException
[11]: def extract_directive_info(parent_element): #define a function to scrap for celex number, looking at two positions
             celex_number_candidate1 = parent_element.find_element(By.XPATH, ".//div[1]/dl/dd[1]").text
             if re.match(r'3\d{4}L', celex_number_candidate1):
                                                                                        CELEX number emplacement patterns
                 celex_number = celex_number_candidate1
                 celex_number_candidate2 = parent_element.find_element(By.XPATH, ".//div[1]/dl/dd[2]").text
                                                                                                                   The CELEX number
                 if re.match(r'3\d{4}L', celex_number_candidate2):
                     celex_number = celex_number_candidate2
                                                                                                                being not always at the
                     celex_number = "N/A"
                                                                                                                    same place in the
         except NoSuchElementException: #in case there is no celex, the code does not brake
                                                                                                                 webpage, we need to
         #we do the same for the publication date and subject
                                                                                                                 check the form of the
             publication_date = parent_element.find_element(By.XPATH, ".//div[2]/dl/dd[2]").text.split(";")[0]
         except NoSuchElementException:
                                                                                                                    gathered element
             publication_date = "Unknown"
         subjects = ''
             subjects_elements = parent_element.find_elements(By.XPATH, ".//dl/dd[4]/ul/li/a") + parent_element.find_elements(By.XPATH, ".//dl/dd[5]/ul
             subjects = ', '.join([elem.text for elem in subjects_elements]) #there are sometimes more than oen subject, separated by comma
         except NoSuchElementException:
         return celex_number, publication_date, subjects
```

### Implementing the scraping process

```
In [12]: service = Service(executable_path=GeckoDriverManager().install())
...: driver = webdriver.Firefox(service=service)
...: # URL for directives, the code will append the page number
...: directive_base_url = "https://eur-lex.europa.eu/search.html?SUBDOM_INIT=ALL_ALL&DB_TYPE_OF_ACT=directive&DTS_SUBDOM=ALL_ALL&typeOfActStatus=DIRECT
...IVE%2COTHER&or0=DN%3D3*%2CDN-old%3D3*&type=advanced&date0=ALL%3A01022020%7C.&qid=1711414697566&DTC=false&orFM_CODEDGroup=FM_CODEDG3DDIR&DTS_DOM=AL
...L&FM_CODED=&lang=fr&excConsLeg=true&page="""
...: #URL for transposed acts, the code will append the page number
...: transposed_act_base_url = "https://eur-lex.europa.eu/search.html?SUBDOM_INIT=MNE&DTS_SUBDOM=MNE&sortOneOrder=desc&sortOne=IDENTIFIER_SORT&lang=n&
...: type=advanced&qid=1711241216437&page="""
...: # Scraping
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...: with open('directives.csv', 'w', newline='', encoding='utf-8') as directives_file, open('transposed_act_csv', 'w', newline='', encoding='utf-8') a
...: s transposed_file:
...: directives_writer = csv.writer(directives_file)
...: directives_writer = csv.writer(directives_file)
...: directives_writer.writerow(['CELEX', 'Date', 'Subjects'])
...: transposed_writer.writerow(['Transposed act', 'Country', 'Date', 'Date nature'])
```

- Inputting the two relevant URLs
- Preparing to loop over all relevant databases pages

Around 1424 directives and more than 180 000 transposed acts to scrape... which took much time!!

### **Scraping directives**

```
# Scraping directives
        page_number = 1
                                                                                            The loop holds as long as the URL is relevant
            current_page_url = f"{directive_base_url}{page_number}"
                                                                  We allow the algorithm to go without bugging by giving it time before
            driver.get(current_page_url)
           sleep(5)
                                                                implementing the next line of code: Eurlex database is heavy to handle...
              page_number == 1:
               WebDriverWait(driver, 10).until(EC.element_to_be_clickable((By.ID, "link-change-metadata_top"))).click() #click to personalize results
               sleep(2) #giving some time to load information
               WebDriverWait(driver, 10).until(EC.element_to_be_clickable((By.ID, "simple_c31classificationsCT"))).click() #click on the checkbox for
     subject
               sleep(2)
               WebDriverWait(driver, 10).until(EC.element_to_be_clickable((By.XPATH, "//*[@id='nbResultPerPage']"))).click() #@change the number of
    displayed result for 20 by page
               sleep(2)
               WebDriverWait(driver, 10).until(EC.element_to_be_clickable((By.XPATH, "/html/body/div[3]/div/div/div/div/div/form[2]/fieldset/div[1
    ]/div[1]/div/div[2]/select/option[3]"))).click()
               WebDriverWait(driver, 10).until(EC.element_to_be_clickable((By.ID, "button.apply"))).click() #click to apply changes
                sleep(5)
               driver.get(current_page_url)
                                                     We automatise the successive clicking operations to unfold the data we seek
               sleep(5)
            parent_elements = WebDriverWait(driver, 10).until(EC.presence_of_all_elements_located((By.XPATH, "//*[starts-with(@id, 'MoreSR_')]")))
           if not parent_elements:
               print(f"End of pages or no data found at page {page_number} for directives.")
                                                                                               Extract the trio of elements we need on each
                                                                                               page scraped, raked through by the algorithm
            for parent in parent_elements:
               celex_number, publication_date, subjects = extract_directive_info(parent)
               directives_writer.writerow([celex_number, publication_date, subjects]) #allows to write in a new row of the csv, each element is in a
...: column
               print(f"Directive CELEX: {celex_number}, Date: {publication_date}, Subjects: {subjects}")
                                                                                                         Repeat the operation on all pages
            page number += 1
```

## Console results:

Database 1 (Directives)

```
Console 1/A X
Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Agricultural structures
CELEX: 31972L0161, Date: 17/04/1972, Subjects: Agricultural struc<u>tures, Social provisio</u>
 uropean Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF)
 LEX: 31971L0086, Date: 01/02/1971, Subjects: Approximation of laws, Commercial policy
  EX: 31970L0157, Date: 06/02/1970, Subjects: Internal market - Principles, Technical
   riers, Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland, Annex 2 Provisions of Union law referre
   rticle 5(4), Motor vehicles, including agricultural and forestry tractors, Approxim
      31970L0050, Date: 22/12/1969, Subjects: Quantitative restrictions and measures o
      lent effect, Free movement of goods
       31970L0032, Date: 17/12/1969, Subjects: Free movement of goods, Quantitative
        ions and measures of equivalent effect
         969L0493, Date: 15/12/1969, Subjects: Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland, An
          of Union law referred to in Article 5(4), Other, Technical barriers, Industr
          ion of laws
          69L0464, Date: 08/12/1969, Subjects: Approximation of laws, Plant health
          8L0297, Date: 19/07/1968, Subjects: Competition, Harmonisation of laws, Tran
          8L0221, Date: 30/04/1968, Subjects: Taxation, Approximation of laws
          6L0683, Date: 07/11/1966, Subjects: Approximation of laws, Quantitative
           s and measures of equivalent effect, Free movement of goods
           4L0475, Date: 30/07/1964, Subjects: Industry, Investments, Information and
            L0432, Date: 26/06/1964, Subjects: Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland, An
             Union law referred to in Article 5(4), Live animals, germinal products an
             nimal origin, Veterinary legislation, Approximation of laws
              474, Date: 30/07/1963, Subjects: Internal market - Principles, Freedom of
```

```
[17]:
      # Reset page number for transposed acts
                                                                        Scraping transposed legal acts to create database 2
         page_number = 1
            current_page_url = f"{transposed_act_base_url}{page_number}"
            driver.get(current_page_url)
            sleep(2)
                                          We make sure we start at page one
            if page_number == 1:
                    WebDriverWait(driver, 10).until(EC.element_to_be_clickable((By.ID, "link-change-metadata_top"))).click() #click to personalize res
                    sleep(2) #giving some time to load information
                    WebDriverWait(driver, 10).until(EC.element_to_be_clickable((By.XPATH, "//*[@id='nbResultPerPage']"))).click() #@change the number
      of displayed result for 20 by page
                    sleep(2)
                    WebDriverWait(driver, 10).until(EC.element_to_be_clickable((By.XPATH, "/html/body/div[3]/div/div/div/div/form[2]/fieldset/d
     iv[1]/div[1]/div/div[2]/select/option[3]"))).click()
                    sleep(1)
                    WebDriverWait(driver, 10).until(EC.element_to_be_clickable((By.ID, "button.apply"))).click() #click to apply changes
                    sleep(5)
                    driver.get(current_page_url)
                                                                                                      In an analogous manner to the
                    sleep(5)
            parent_elements = driver.find_elements(By.XPATH, "//*[starts-with(@id, 'MoreSR')]")
                                                                                                  scraping operation for directives, we
            if not parent_elements:
                print(f"End of pages or no data found at page {page_number} for transposed acts.")
                                                                                                     automatise the different clicking
                                                                                                   operations to extract all 4 elements
            for parent in parent_elements:
                transposed_acts_elements = parent.find_elements(By.XPATH, ".//dl/dd[3]//a")
                                                                                                                  we search
                country = parent.find_element(By.XPATH, ".//div[2]/dl/dd[1]").text.strip()
                date_text = parent.find_element(By.XPATH, ".//div[2]/dl/dd[2]").text.strip()
                date, date_nature = (date_text.split("; ") + [""])[:2] #scraping output gives date; nature of the date, so we split by the ; and get a
    list of two elements, we put additional "" in case the split gives only one element and [:2] to get only two elements in case there are more than
    one ; (or zero)
                                                                                We separate the date and its nature
                if transposed_acts_elements:
                    for act_element in transposed_acts_elements:
                                                                      The variable here gives the CELEX number of each transposed act
                        transposed_act = act_element.text.strip()
                        transposed_writer.writerow([transposed_act, country, date, date_nature])
                        print(f"Transposed act: {transposed_act}, Country: {country}, Date: {date}, Date nature: {date_nature}")
                    transposed_writer.writerow(['N/A', country, date, date_nature])
                    print(f"Transposed act: N/A, Country: {country}, Date: {date}, Date nature: {date_nature}")
                                                                                                We build the second database
            page_number += 1
    driver.quit()
```

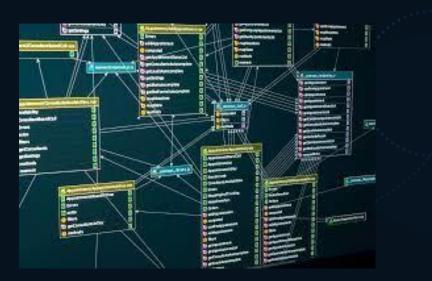
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Transposed act: 31964L0054, Country: Belgium, Date: 31/12/1968, Date nature: Entry into force
                      Transposed act: 31964L0054, Country: Belgium, Date: 15/02/1969, Date nature: Date of publication
                      Transposed act: 31964L0054, Country: Belgium, Date: 08/08/1968, Date nature: Entry into force
                      Transposed act: 31964L0054, Country: Belgium, Date: 28/05/1968, Date nature: Entry into force
                       [ransposed act: 31964L0054, Country: Belgium, Date: 28/08/1968, Date nature: Entry into force
                       ransposed act: 31964L0054, Country: Belgium, Date: 16/02/1968, Date nature: Date of publication
                        ensposed act: 31964L0054, Country: Belgium, Date: 29/02/1968, Date nature: Date of publication
                          sposed act: 31964L0054, Country: Belgium, Date: 26/04/2004, Date nature: Date of notification
                           posed act: 31964L0054, Country: Austria, Date: 30/06/1994, Date nature: Date of publication
                           posed act: 31964L0054, Country: Austria, Date: 30/06/1994, Date nature: Date of publication
                           posed act: 31963L0607, Country: Portugal, Date: 07/10/1993, Date nature: Date of publication
                            psed act: 31963L0607, Country: United Kingdom, Date: 05/01/1998, Date nature: Date of publication
                             sed act: 31963L0607, Country: Finland, Date: 01/01/1001, Date nature:
                             ed act: 31963L0607, Country: Spain, Date: 27/06/1986, Date nature: Date of publication
                              ed act: 31963L0607, Country: Austria, Date: 01/01/1001, Date nature:
                                 act: 31963L0474, Country: Portugal, Date: 20/10/1986, Date nature: Entry into force
                                 act: 31963L0474, Country: Portugal, Date: 03/10/1985, Date nature: Entry into force
                                 act: 31963L0474, Country: Poland, Date: 23/07/2004, Date nature: Date of notification
Console results:
                                  ct: 31963L0474, Country: Greece, Date: 19/06/1987, Date nature: Date of publication
                                  ct: 31963L0474, Country: France, Date: 01/09/1963, Date nature: Date of publication
                                   t: 31963L0474, Country: Spain, Date: 01/01/1001, Date nature:
                                   t: 31963L0474, Country: Spain, Date: 03/07/1991, Date nature: Date of publication
                                   t: 31963L0474, Country: Spain, Date: 11/07/1990, Date nature: Date of publication
                                      31963L0474, Country: Spain, Date: 03/07/1990, Date nature: Date of publication
                                      31963L0474, Country: Spain, Date: 13/06/1989, Date nature: Date of publication
                                      31963L0474, Country: Spain, Date: 01/01/1001, Date nature:
                                      31963L0474, Country: Spain, Date: 03/04/1987, Date nature: Date of publication
                                      31963L0474, Country: Spain, Date: 03/04/1987, Date nature: Date of publication
                                      31963L0474, Country: Spain, Date: 01/01/1001, Date nature:
                                      31963L0474, Country: Spain, Date: 27/09/1979, Date nature: Date of publication
                                      31963L0474, Country: Czechia, Date: 10/02/2003, Date nature: Date of publication
```

31963L0474, Country: Czechia, Date: 13/12/2002, Date nature: Date of publication 31963L0474, Country: Czechia, Date: 09/05/2002, Date nature: Date of publication \$2005L0060, Country: Czechia, Date: 31/12/2001, Date nature: Date of publication 1963L0474, Country: Czechia, Date: 31/12/2001, Date nature: Date of publication 005L0060, Country: Czechia, Date: 29/09/1995, Date nature: Date of publication 963L0474, Country: Czechia, Date: 29/09/1995, Date nature: Date of publication

Database 2 (transposed legal acts)



Step 2: Matching both databases in search of transpositions



```
[20]: import pandas as pd
     from datetime import datetime
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import matplotlib.colors as mcolors
     import numpy as np
     # Format dates
    def clean_and_parse_date(date_str):
        date_str = date_str.split(';')[0]
        return datetime.strptime(date_str, "%d/%m/%Y")
     # Load the data
    directives_df = pd.read_csv('directives.csv')
    transposed_act_df = pd.read_csv('transposed_act.csv')
     # Applying the function of format the date
    directives_df['Date'] = directives_df['Date'].apply(clean_and_parse_date)
    transposed_act_df['Date'] = transposed_act_df['Date'].apply(clean_and_parse_date)
    # Group by celex and select the oldest occurence for calculation
     transposed_min_dates = transposed_act_df.groupby(['Transposed act', 'Country'])['Date'].min().reset_index()
    # Scoring
     results = []
    for _, row in transposed_min_dates.iterrows():
         transposed_celex = row['Transposed act']
        country = row['Country']
        transposed_date = row['Date']
        directive_row = directives_df[directives_df['CELEX'] == transposed_celex]
         if not directive_row.empty:
                                                                                       Approximation
            directive_date = directive_row.iloc[0]['Date']
             subject = directive_row.iloc[0]['Subjects'] # Capture the subject from the directive row
             difference = (transposed_date - directive_date).days
             corrected_score = max(difference, 0) # Corrected score: 0 if negativen otherwise keep the result
             results.append({
                                                                                   We compute the
                 'Transposed CELEX': transposed_celex,
                 'Country': country,
                                                                                  difference, in days,
                 'Subject': subject, # Include the subject in the results
                                                                               between the date of the
                 'Date Difference (Days)': difference,
                 'Corrected Score': corrected_score
                                                                               first transposed act and
                                                                                    the theoretical
    # Create the dataframe for further analysis
                                                                                  transposition date
    results_df = pd.DataFrame(results)
         t(results_df)
```

# Conducting the analysis

- We have recourse to the pandas module
  - We first have to select one transposed legal act to compare its date to that of the theoretical transposition date of the directive
    - Then only can we compare the transposition performance through a numbering tool



Step 3: Numbering the transposition performance

```
# Save in csv
results_df.to_csv('date_differences_with_subjects.csv', index=False)
# Calculate score for each country
                                                                                                               In order to compare the
country_scores = results_df.groupby('Country')['Corrected Score'].sum().reset_index()
                                                                                                          performance of member states,
# Rank countries
country_rankings = country_scores.sort_values(by='Corrected Score', ascending=True).reset_index(drop=True)
                                                                                                         we create an aggregate indicator
print("Delay of transposition by countries (days)")
orint(country_rankings)
                                                                                                          in summing the individual score
# Normalize score for color purpose in the graph
                                                                                                             obtained for each directive
scores = country_rankings['Corrected Score']
normalized_scores = (scores - scores.min()) / (scores.max() - scores.min())
#color gradient by score
colors = [mcolors.to_rqba(c) for c in plt.cm.RdYlGn_r(np.linspace(0, 1, len(scores)))]
bar_colors = [colors[int(np.round(score * (len(colors) - 1)))] for score in normalized_scores]
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
bars = plt.bar(country_rankings['Country'], country_rankings['Corrected Score'], color=bar_colors)
plt.xlabel('Country')
                                                                                                                In order to display visually
plt.ylabel('Corrected Score')
plt.title('Transposition delay (day)')
                                                                                                                   rank the countries, we
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
                                                                                                               create a gradient of colours
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
# Group by countries and count transposed act
unique_transposed_counts = transposed_act_df.groupby('Country')['Transposed act'].nunique().reset_index()
unique_transposed_counts['Number of Transposed Acts'] = unique_transposed_counts['Transposed act']
unique_transposed_counts.drop(columns=['Transposed_act'], inplace=True)
# Sort countries by acts transposed
unique_transposed_counts_sorted = unique_transposed_counts.sort_values(by='Number of Transposed Acts', ascending=False).reset_index(drop=True)
print("\nNumber of transposed acts")
print(unique_transposed_counts_sorted)
# Show subject by celex
celex_subjects = directives_df[['CELEX', 'Subjects']]
# Separate subject to have on a single row
subjects_expanded = directives_df.set_index('CELEX')['Subjects'].str.split(', ', expand=True).stack().reset_index(level=1, drop=True).reset_index(name='Subject')
```

```
# Merge dataframe to get subject with country
     merqed_df = pd.merqe(subjects_expanded, transposed_act_df, left_on='CELEX', right_on='Transposed act', how='inner')
     # Get the number of celex by subject
     subject_country_counts = merged_df.groupby(['Subject', 'Country']).size().reset_index(name='Count')
     print(subject_country_counts.head())
...: # Today
     today = pd.to_datetime('today')
    # Get all celex
    unique_celex = directives_df['CELEX'].unique()
...: # Get all countries
    unique_countries = transposed_act_df['Country'].unique()
...: # List to collect results
...: results = []
...: # Non transposed celex
        country in unique_countries:
         transposed_celex_for_country = transposed_act_df[transposed_act_df['Country'] == country]['Transposed_act'].unique()
         non_transposed_celex = [celex for celex in unique_celex if celex not in transposed_celex_for_country]
         # Calculate delay compared to today's date
         for celex in non_transposed_celex:
             directive_info = directives_df[directives_df['CELEX'] == celex]
             if not directive_info.empty:
                 publication_date = pd.to_datetime(directive_info.iloc[0]['Date'])
                 days_difference = (today - publication_date).days
                 results.append({
                     'Country': country,
                     'CELEX': celex,
                     'Days Since Publication': days_difference
                 })
    results_df = pd.DataFrame(results)
...: print(results_df)
    results_df.to_csv('non_transposed_celex_by_country.csv', index=False)
     # Split all subject into a dataframe
     expanded_subjects_df = directives_df.drop('Subjects', axis=1).join(directives_df['Subjects'].str.split(', ', expand=True).stack().reset_index(level=1, drop=True).rename('Subject'))
```

We need to address the directives which have not transposed at all yet

> That is why we compute the delay in comparison with today

```
...: # count by country number of celex by subject
        subject_country_transposed_counts = transposed_act_df.merge(expanded_subjects_df, left_on='Transposed act', right_on='CELEX').groupby(['Country', 'Subject']).size().reset_index(name='Unique Transposed act', right_on='CELEX').groupby(['Country', 'Subject']).size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().size().
        ed Acts Count')
         print("Number of acts transposed:")
         print(subject_country_transposed_counts)
...: # Visualisation for a given country
        selected_country = 'France'
        selected_data = subject_country_transposed_counts[subject_country_transposed_counts['Country'] == selected_country].sort_values(by='Unique Transposed Acts Count', ascending=False)
        total_transposed_by_subject = subject_country_transposed_counts.groupby('Subject')['Unique Transposed Acts Count'].sum().reset_index()
        top_subjects = total_transposed_by_subject.sort_values(by='Unique Transposed Acts Count', ascending=False).head(10)
...: # first 10 subjects
        plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
        plt.bar(top_subjects['Subject'], top_subjects['Unique Transposed Acts Count'], color='skyblue')
        plt.title('Top 10 Subjects by Number of Unique Transposed Acts for France')
        plt.xlabel('Subject')
        plt.ylabel('Number of Unique Transposed Acts')
        plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
        plt.tight_layout()
        plt.show()
...: # counting
        subject_country_transposed_counts = transposed_act_df.merge(
                expanded_subjects_df, left_on='Transposed act', right_on='CELEX').groupby(['Subject']).size().reset_index(name='Unique Transposed Acts Count')
...: # sorting
        sorted_subjects = subject_country_transposed_counts.sort_values(by='Unique Transposed Acts Count', ascending=False)
...: # plotting
        plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
        plt.bar(unique_transposed_counts_sorted['Country'], unique_transposed_counts_sorted['Number of Transposed Acts'], color='teal')
        plt.title('Number of transposed act by country')
        plt.xlabel('Country')
        plt.ylabel('Number of acts')
        plt.xticks(rotation=90) # Rotation des étiquettes de l'axe des x pour une meilleure lisibilité
        plt.tight_layout()
        plt.show()
        # selection of the top ten subjects
        top_10_subjects = sorted_subjects.head(10)
...: print("Acts transposed by subject :")
        print(sorted_subjects)
        total_transposed_by_country = transposed_act_df.groupby('Country').size().reset_index(name='Total Transposed Acts')
        sorted_countries_by_transposed_acts = total_transposed_by_country.sort_values(by='Total Transposed Acts', ascending=False)
```

We wanted to understand the breakdown of directives sectors. and display the most recurrent ones, chosing France as a witness State

Finally, we plot the different graphs



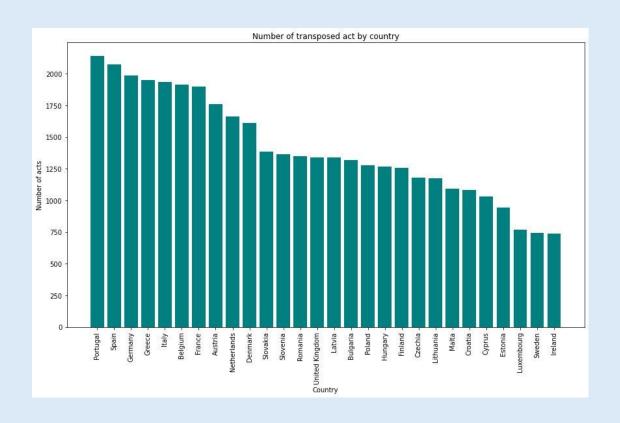
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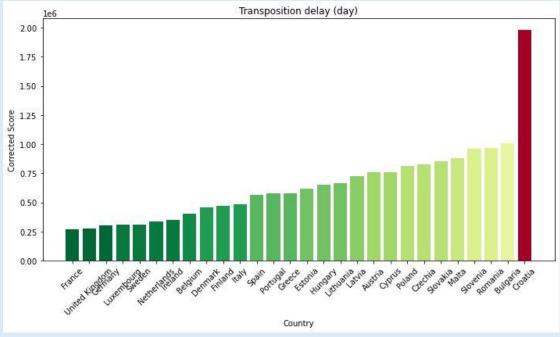
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Step 4: Comparing country-per-country performance



### **Country comparison**



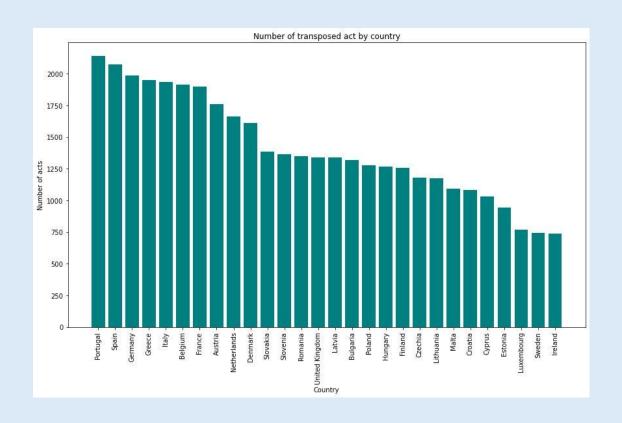


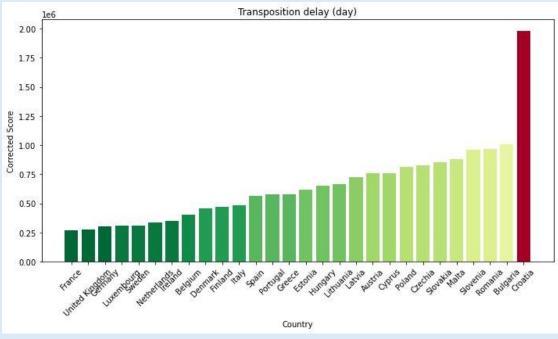


Step 5: Interpreting the results through pattern spotting



### **Comparison interpretation**





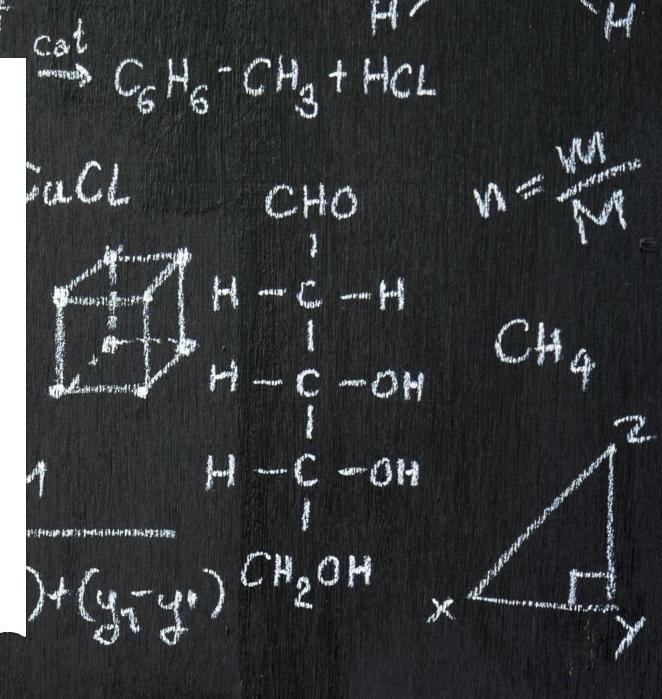
### Difficulties encountered

#### Technical difficulties

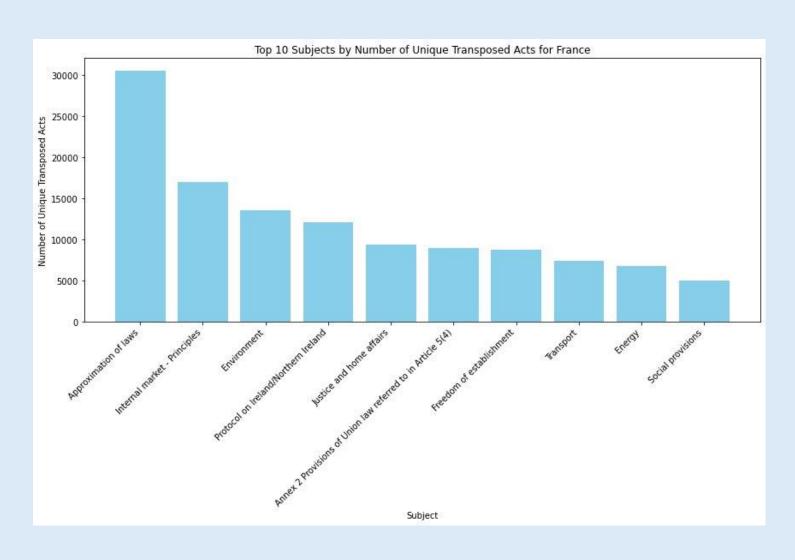
- ⇒ The type of website (semi-static only, dynamic mainly)
- ⇒ Directives entanglement with rectifications and addenda
- $\Rightarrow$  Data entanglement (such as the date and its nature)
- ⇒ Heaviness of the data at hand causing dramatic implementation delays

#### A lack of data uniformity

- $\Rightarrow$  Transposition idiosyncrasies
- ⇒ Unequal time of transposition linked to each directive
- $\Rightarrow$  An unequal classification of subjects of directives



### **Directive sectors**



### Results limitations & further refinements

#### Ad maximum

- Data aggregation and entanglement in the main indicator we used

  Ad minimum
- Data approximation which hid possible delays in transposing as well as the quality of transposition

#### Possible improvements and extensions of the project

- Bundling the sectors of directives in intermediary subsectors for clarity
- Considering all forms of transposed acts
- Pondering over the type of transposition to delve into a finer qualitative analysis
- Extending the temporal scope and ramifying the comparison: