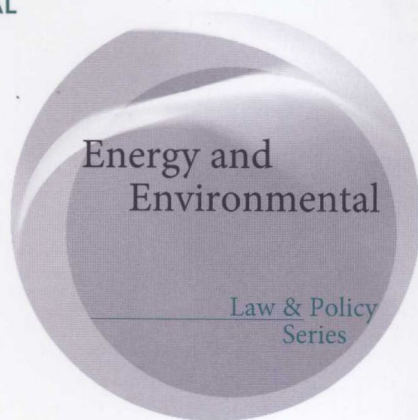


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List of Abbreviations and Short References

Aarhus Convention:	Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters
Aarhus Implementation Guide:	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, <i>The Aarhus Convention: An implementation guide. Part 2</i>
Access Directive:	Directive 2003/4/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2003 on public access to environmental information and repealing Council Directive 90/313/EEC
APPSI:	Advisory Panel for Public Sector Information
CFI:	Court of First Instance
Directive 90/313/EEC:	Council Directive 90/313/EEC of 7 June 1990 on the freedom of access to information on the environment
ECHR:	Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
ECJ:	European Court of Justice
eEurope Communication:	Communication to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions. eEurope 2002: creating a EU framework for the exploitation of public sector information
EU:	European Union
GMES:	Global Monitoring for Environment and Security

List of Abbreviations and Short References

GEO:	Group on Earth Observation
GEOSS:	Global Earth Observation System of Systems
Green Paper on Public Sector Information:	Public sector information: a key resource for Europe. Green Paper on public sector information in the information society
ICCPR:	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
INSPIRE Directive:	Directive 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2007 establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE)
IPR:	intellectual property rights
KNMI:	Royal Dutch Meteorological Office (Koninklijk Nederlands Meteorologisch Instituut)
OPSI:	Office of Public Sector Information
OFT:	Office of Fair Trading
PSI Directive:	Directive 2003/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 November 2003 on the re-use of public sector information
SDI:	Spatial data infrastructure
SEIS:	Shared Environmental Information System
Synergy Guidelines:	Guidelines for improving the synergy between the public and the private sectors in the information market
Transparency Directive:	Commission Directive 2006/111/EC of 16 November 2006 on the transparency of financial relations between Member States and public undertakings as well as on financial transparency within certain undertakings
UN:	United Nations
UNECE:	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNESCO:	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

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