

**European DDC Users' Group (EDUG)**  
**340 Law Working Group**

**Second meeting**

**April 9, 2008, 10:30 – 13:00**

Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, Frankfurt Main, R. 410

Expected attendees:

Julianne Beall, OCLC/LOC  
Yvonne Jahns, DNB Leipzig (chair)  
Helga Karg, DNB Frankfurt a.M.  
Federica Paradisi, BNCf Firenze  
Peter Schwery, SNB Bern  
Magdalena Svanberg, NB Stockholm  
Steffi Syburra, DNB Frankfurt a.M.  
N.N., Europaparlament Brüssel

**Agenda:**

- 1. Welcome** (10:30-10:45)
- 2. News regarding members and ways of communication** (10:45-11:00)
- 3. Report from the first meeting (Durban, August 2007)** (11:00-11:15)
- 4. Working plan 2008, Future meetings** (11:15-11:30)
- 5. Discussion EU law** (11:30-12:15)
- 6. Discussion legal profession** (12:15-13:00)
- 7. Closing** (13:00)

According (2):

I asked for members or/and people who are interested in DDC 340, but unfortunately I got less response. A few colleagues would like to exchange opinions on DDC and give their advice to draft papers, but have not enough capacity to work on revision papers / to play an active part. So it is! My suggestion for the next months is, that we try to prepare drafts and send it out to everybody we know using DDC for law materials or everybody who has a really good knowledge of European civil law.  
Anything else we could hopefully discuss and/or demonstrate at the meeting.

According (4):

Because of this situation (mentioned at 2) and the fact that I had not as much time as expected before, we are behind the timetable we arranged in Durban:

- Until April 2008: prepare a discussion paper and recommendations
- April 2008: meeting and discussion the draft paper, share the results at EDUG full meeting
- August 2008: third meeting during IFLA
- Fall 2008: WG chair presents recommendations of WG at EPC meeting

Regarding next working steps, I hereby propose an order of topics and suggest to discuss the first two issues on April 9 (5)+(6).

- 1) European Union law incl. courts and incl. impact of EU-law on national legal systems
- 2) Continental European civil law
  - 2.1) legal profession, e.g. function of notaries

- 2.2) Sources of law
- 2.3) Structure and branches of law
- 2.4) Administrative law incl. judgement and appellate procedures
- 2.5) Penal law and criminology
- 2.6) Better organization of 343
- 2.7) Better organization of 346
- 2.8) Others

#### Accordinging (5)

For discussion the revision of European Union law (341) incl. courts and incl. impact of EU-law on national legal systems I will send out a message with a draft and some thoughts before the meeting (short-term), but I would be grateful, if every attendee will bring some statements.

#### Accordinging (6)

For discussion the revision of legal profession (340) e.g. notaries I will send out a message with a draft and some thoughts before the meeting (short-term), but I would be grateful, if every attendee will bring some statements.



#### Terms of Reference

##### **European DDC Users' Group (EDUG) - 340 Law Working Group**

- exists to improve the 340 provision for legal systems in Europe rooted in civil law.
- gives recommendations to the EPC and the Dewey editorial team.
- reports about proposals at EDUG' annual business meeting.

Improvements in DDC 340 should be realistic expansions, relocations, add notes or entries on the basis of existing classes according to the literary warrant in Europe. There could not be created a neutral classification scheme for civil and common law. The aim is to make sure that every European law topic fits somewhere in the DDC 340 classes.

The focus restricted to the European viewpoint, proposals should emphasize

- differences between civil and common law within the branches of law and the sources, also within the legal profession
- treatment of administrative law
- treatment of penal law and criminology
- treatment of European Union law
- better organization of 343 Military, defense, public property, public finance, tax, commerce (trade), industrial law
- better organization of 346 private law
- expansions for courts.