

What is the European Documentation Centre KREMS?

Since its foundation in 1995, the European Documentation Centre (EDC) at the University for Continuing Education KREMS (UWK) has been operating as an information hub between the European Union (EU) institutions and the University. The EDC KREMS serves as a university contact point for information on EU integration, law and policies and pertinent EU documents, targeting primarily staff and students of the educational institutions at Campus KREMS, but also accessible to the interested public.

The EDC KREMS is part of the European Commission's oldest information network, currently comprising more than 280 EDCs within the EU, and belongs to the larger EUROPE DIRECT information and communication network. Being one of nine EDCs established at Austrian universities respectively the Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour and the Federal Chancellery, it is the only European Documentation Centre in Lower Austria.

In 2021, the UWK and the European Commission signed a partnership agreement, laying a novel legal foundation for the EDC KREMS to act on, making it the first Austrian EDC to join the „new generation“ of EDCs with an extended portfolio. Based on this agreement, the EDC KREMS puts an additional focus in its work on promoting the societal discourse on issues of EU integration at the local and regional level, together with other EU actors in Lower Austria.

Organizationally, the EDC KREMS is part of the Department for Legal Studies and International Relations at the UWK and stands in close cooperation with the University Library, where the EDC's collection is located in a specifically dedicated area and can be searched via the library catalogue. As a university service centre at an interface position, the EDC seeks to further broaden its cooperation with other UWK departments and faculties.

Who works at the European Documentation Centre KREMS?

Our team:

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What kind of services does the European Documentation Centre KREMS offer?

The EDC KREMS is happy to

- > facilitate your (online) access to official EU publications and documents;
- > support you in your research on EU law, policies and actions with professional advice on where/how to search for relevant EU information sources and documents;
- > exchange ideas with you during discussion events (co-) organized by the EDC and to foster dialogue with citizens on EU affairs;
- > serve as an information hub for publications and activities on EU topics elaborated respectively taking place at the University for Continuing Education KREMS;
- > act as point of contact and cooperation partner for other EU actors in the State of Lower Austria and beyond.

What will I find at the European Documentation Centre KREMS?

The EDC's collection at the University Library comprises the following official publications of the European Union:

- Official Journal of the EU
- Treaties
- Case law of the European Court of Justice
- Documents of the European Commission
- Bulletin
- Documents of the European Parliament
- Reports, annual reports, statistics, Eurobarometer
- Other selected publications

In general, the EDC holds **non-lending items**, i.e. they can only be lent during closure days, e.g. on weekends or during Christmas time. However, you can study and copy them at any time during library opening hours.

As a major part of the European documentation is now available online, the number of printed publications distributed by the EU institutions has been greatly reduced. The EDC KREMS continues to order selected publications for its collection and is happy to assist when it comes to **online research** in the **European databases**.