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Almost every title given to EC action programmes, EC R&D programmes, databases, sub-databases and concepts acquires a short form. The object is not to exclude the ordinary man and woman in the street from the language of the EC professional, but to create a common term for international use across multiple languages.

This glossary contains a selection of abbreviations, acronyms, and technical terms arising from or linked to European Community activities. Not every term noted here is featured in the main text of this book, though the selection is biased towards industry and commerce in general. A few terms are of historical interest, such as **ACUSE**, but most occur in the current Euro-jargon. In the definitions, the letters in capitals are the letters constituting the acronym.

**ABEL.** Database of contents pages of the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

**abschöpfung.** Customs duty, Germany

**ACB.** Association of Co-operative Banks of the EC

**accord d'entreprise.** Collective bargaining agreement, France

**ACE.** Action by the Community relating to the Environment

**ACE.** *Agrupamento complementar de empresas*, association of business enterprises, Portugal.

**ACP.** African, Caribbean and Pacific state signatories to the Lomé Convention.

**actas.** Company minutes (Spanish)

**acte authentique.** Contract (French)

**Activité Principale Exercée.** French Principal Activity Code

**ACUSE.** Action Committee for the United States of Europe (1955).

**Adabas.** Database search query language

**AE.** *Anonymos eteria*, public company, Greece

**AEA.** Association of European Airlines

**AEC-CEMBUREAU.** European Cement Industry Association

**AECI.** Association of European Community Insurers

**AECMA.** European Aerospace Industries Association

**AG.** *Aktiengesellschaft*, public limited company, Germany

**AGREP.** Agriculture EC R&D database

**agrupaciones de empresas.** Form of commercial joint venture, Spain.

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***agrupamento complementar de empresas (ACE)***. Association of business enterprises, Portugal.

**AI**. Artificial Intelligence

**AIM**. Advanced Informatics in Medicine, EC R&D programme

***aktien***. Company shares, Germany

***aktiengesetz***. German corporation law

**ALA**. Asian and Latin American states

**ALT**. Advanced Learning Technology

**AMADEUS**. European Computerised Travel Information Network

**AMPI**. National economic statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*.

***andelsforening***. Co-operative society, selling members products, Denmark

***anlagevermögen***. Fixed assets, Germany

***anpartsselskab ApS***. Limited liability private company, Denmark

***Anonymos eteria (AE)***. Public company, Greece

***Apartado Correos***. PO Box, Spain

***ApS***. *Anpartsselskab*, limited liability private company, Denmark

***arbeitsdirektor***. Workers representative on the board of a German company

***arbeitsgemeinschaft***. Joint venture, Germany

***A/S***. *Aktieselskaber*, public company, Denmark

**ASEAN**. Association of South East Asian Nations

***association momentanée***. Form of joint venture, Luxembourg

***associazione in partecipazione***. Type of joint venture, Italy

***atomiki***. Sole trader, Greece

**ATS**. Advanced Telecommunications Services

***aufsichtsrat***. Supervisory board, Germany

***aussenprüfung***. Tax audit, Germany

***autobahn***. Motorway, Germany

***autostrade***. Toll motorway, Italy

**B**. International postal code for Belgium

**BABEL**. Broadcasting Across the Barriers of European Language

**BACH**. Harmonised company accounts database

**BAP**. Biotechnology Action Programme

**BCC**. Business Co-operation Centre

**BC-Net**. European Business Co-operation Network

- BCR.** Bureau Communautaire de Référence, applied metrology EC R&D programme.
- BCS.** BC-Net Central System
- bedrijfschap.*** Industrial trade boards, Netherlands
- beirat.*** Supervisory board, Germany
- BENELUX.** Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg economic association
- Berlaymont.** Brussels headquarters of the European Commission
- berufsgenossenschaften.*** Trade co-operative association (similar to injury compensation board), Germany
- Besluit Fusiegedragsregels.*** Dutch Takeover & Mergers Board
- betriebsausgaben.*** Company operational expenses, Germany
- betriebsstätte.*** Branch of foreign corporation, Germany
- bewertungsgesetz.*** German valuation law
- BF.** Belgian franc
- BGB-gesellschaft.*** Company joint venture, Germany
- BIC.** Business Innovation Centre
- BIF1.** Credit institutions statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*.
- BIOREP.** Biotechnology projects database
- BLEU.** Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union
- Bûite Postale.*** Post office box, Belgium, France, Luxembourg
- börsenumsatzsteuer.*** German stock exchange transfer tax
- börsstempelafgift.*** Stock exchange transfer tax, Denmark
- brevet d'invention.*** Non-renewable 20 year French patent right
- BRIDGE.** Basic Research for Innovation, Development and Growth in Europe, EC R&D programme.
- BRITE/EURAM.** Basic Research in Industrial Technologies for Europe & European Research in Advanced Materials, EC R&D programme.
- BROKERSGUIDE.** Directory of on-line information brokers
- bugsforening.*** Co-operative society, selling goods to members, Denmark
- Bte.*** See *Bûite Postale*
- Bulletin of the European Communities.** Monthly publication on the activities of the European Communities institutions.
- bundesanzeiger.*** Federal Gazette, Germany
- Bundesbank.*** Federal Bank, Germany
- bundesfinanzhof.*** German Federal Finance Court

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**Bundestag.** Federal Parliament, Germany

**Bundestat.** Council of States, Germany

**Bundesverfassungsgericht.** German federal court

**bus.** See *Postbus*

**BV.** *Besloten vennootschap*, private company, Belgium, Netherlands

**BVBA.** *Besloten vennootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid*, private limited liability company, Belgium.

**CAD.** Computer Aided Design

**CADCAM.** Computer Aided Design Computer Aided Manufacture

**CADDIA.** Co-operation in Automation of Data and Documentation for Imports/Exports and the management of financial control of the Agriculture market, EC R&D programme.

**cadre.** Executive body (French)

**CAMAR.** Competitiveness of Agriculture & Management of Agricultural Resources, EC R&D programme.

**camera di commercio.** Chamber of commerce, Italy

**Camara de comercio.** Chamber of commerce (Spanish)

**CAOBISCO.** Association of European Confectionery Industries

**CAP.** Common Agricultural Policy

**CAPIEL.** Co-ordinating Committee of Industrial Electrical Equipment Manufacturers.

**CARTOON.** European Association of Animated Film

**CAT.** Computer Assisted Translation

**CATEL.** Database of European Community official documents and publications

**CCITT.** International Telephone & Telegraph Consultative Committee

**CCL.** Common Command Language

**CDI.** Centre for the Development of Industry

**C documents.** Legislative documents issued by the European Commission published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

**CD-Rom.** Compact disk containing data, often bibliographical

**CE.** European Community (French)

**CEA.** European Insurance Committee

**CEC.** Commission of the European Communities

**Cecchini Report.** Series of major studies on European Economic convergence focusing on the cost of NOT completing the Single Market.

**CECD.** European Confederation of Retailers

- CECIMO.** European Machine Tool Industries Co-operation Committee
- CECOP.** European Committee of Workers' Co-operatives
- CEDEFOP.** European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
- CELEX.** Comunitatis Europae LEX, database of legal texts
- CEN.** European Committee for Standardisation
- CENELEC.** European Committee for Electro-technical standardisation
- CEPAC.** European Confederation of Pulp, Paper & Board Industries
- CEPT.** European Conference of Post & Telecommunications
- CERIF.** Common European Research Information Format
- CFI.** Court of First Instance (European Court)
- certificat d'utilité.* French patent right
- cesiones de unidas de obras.* Subcontracting joint venture, Spain
- CH.** International postal code for Switzerland
- chambre de commerce.* Chamber of commerce (French)
- Chambre Syndicale de Agents de Change (CSAC).* French stockbrokers association.
- Cif.** Cost, insurance & freight
- CIM.** Computer Integrated Manufacturing
- CMEA.** Council for Mutual Economic Assistance
- COB.** *Commission des Opérations de Bourse (COB)*, Paris Stock Exchange
- COCOM.** Co-ordinating Committee for Multi-lateral Security Controls
- code.** Identification code for searching through a database
- Code du Travail.* Labour Code, France
- CODEST.** Committee for the Development of Science and Technology
- Código de Comercio.* Spanish commercial code
- COFACE.** *Compagnie Française d'Assurance pour le Commerce Extérieur*, French foreign trade insurance company.
- COM Doc.** Communication in the COM series from the European Commission, often containing draft proposals for legislation.
- COM final documents.** COM document finalised and available to the public.
- COMECON.** Council for Mutual Economic Assistance
- comerciante em nome individual.* Sole proprietorship, Portugal
- comerciante individual.* Sole proprietorship, Spain
- COMETT II.** COMMunity Education and Training for Technology, action programme.

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- COMEXT.** External trade statistics database
- comité d'entreprise.** Labour management committee, France
- Commission des Opérations de Bourse (COB).** Paris Stock Exchange
- Compagnie Française d'Assurance pour le Commerce Extérieur (COFACE).** French foreign trade insurance company.
- conseil de surveillance.** Supervisory board (French)
- Conseil d'Etat.** Highest administrative court, France
- conseil juridiques et fiscaux.** Legal & tax adviser (French)
- consejo de administración.** Board of directors (Spanish)
- contribuição industrial.** Industrial tax, Portugal
- contribuição predial.** Property tax, Portugal
- convention collectif.** Collective bargaining, France
- co-operation procedure.** Part of the consultation procedure between the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers.
- COPAC.** Community Patents Appeal Court
- CORDIS.** Community Research and Development Information Service database
- COREPER.** Committee of Permanent Representatives to the European Communities (effectively "Ambassadors" acting on behalf of national government ministers).
- Correos.** Spanish postal services
- corps diplomatique accrédité auprès des communautés Européennes.** Member states' diplomats accredited to the European Community.
- COSA.** Agriculture and forestry statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*
- COST.** European Co-operation in Scientific and Technical Research, Community action programme extending to other European countries.
- Council Acts.** Measures originated by the Council of Ministers
- Cour de Cassation.** Supreme Court, France
- COURIER, THE.** European Community bi-monthly journal covering development aid activities.
- CP.** Co-operation Profile
- CPC.** Community Patents Convention
- CPE.** Centrally Planned Economies
- CRAFT.** Co-operation Research Action for Technology
- CREW.** Centre for Research on European Women
- CRONOS.** Macro-economic statistics database
- C Series.** The C series of the *Official Journal of the European Communities*; con-

- tents include Commission proposals, calls for tender for agricultural products, opinions, notices of competitions for recruitment in Community institutions.
- CSF.** Community Support Framework
- CTM.** Community Trade Mark
- CTMO.** Community Trade Mark Office
- Cuentas en participaciòn.*** Joint accounts, Spain
- Database.** Information store, frequently on-line
- DATAR.** *Délégation à l'Aménagement du Territoire et à l'Action Régionale*, French national regional economic development agency.
- Deadline 92.** Publicity logo on European Community publications to highlight the Single Market completion aspect.
- Decision.** A decision of the European Commission, binding on the parties named, published in the *Official Journal*.
- délégués du personnel.*** Elected employee delegates, France
- DELTA.** Development of European Learning Through Technological Advance, EC R&D programme.
- dessins et modèles.*** Design protection, France
- DG.** Directorate-General (European Commission)
- DIANEGUIDE.** Database of database producers on the DIANE network
- Direcção-Geral.*** Director-General (Portuguese)
- Directeur-Général.*** General manager (French)
- Direction Générale.*** Directorate-General (French)
- Direction Générale de la Concurrence et de la Consommation.*** French price control authority.
- Directive.** EC Act directing member states to implement its provisions within a given period.
- Directoire-Général.*** Directorate-General (French)
- dirigenti.*** Managers (Italian)
- DK.** International postal code for Denmark
- DKr.** Danish kroner
- DM.** German mark (Deutschmark)
- D-0.** International postal code for E Germany
- domain.** Subdivision of an on-line database
- DOM/TOM.** French Overseas Departments
- DOMIS.** Materials data information sources database
- DOSES.** Development of Statistical Expert Systems, EC R&D programme



## **Glossary**

**Dott.** Abbr. Doctor (Italian title)

**Dott.essa.** Abbr. Doctor (Italian title/female)

**Dr.** Greek drachma

**DRAM.** Dynamic Random Access Memory

**DRIVE.** Dedicated Road Infrastructure for Vehicle Safety in Europe, EC R&D programme.

**droit de mutation.** Transfer tax, Luxembourg

**droit de succession.** Inheritance tax, Luxembourg

**droit de suite.** French copyright

**droit moral.** French intellectual property right (non-financial)

**droit patrimonial.** French intellectual property right

**DUNDIS.** Directory of United Nations Information Systems, database

**D-W.** International postal code for W Germany

**E.** International postal code for Spain

**EABS.** Euro-ABSTRACTs, published EC R&D results database

**EAEC.** European Atomic Energy Community

**EAGGF.** European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund

**EAVE.** European Audiovisual Entrepreneurs

**EBC.** European Business Council (Japan)

**EBIC.** European Independent Business Confederation

**EBN.** European Business Innovation Network (see BIC)

**EC.** European Community

**EC six.** European Community exc. Denmark, Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, UK

**EC nine.** European Community exc. Greece, Spain, Portugal

**EC ten.** European Community exc. Spain, Portugal

**ECAC.** European Civil Aviation Conference

**ECDIN.** Environmental Chemicals Data Information Network database

**ECJ.** European Court of Justice

**ECLAS.** European Commission Library Automated System database

**Ecosoc.** Economic and Social Committee (also ESC)

**ECHO.** European Commission Host Organisation (on-line databases)

**ECHO News.** On-line version of magazine of same name

**ECLAIR.** European Collaborative Linkage of Agriculture and Industry through Research, EC R&D programme.

- ECSC.** European Coal and Steel Community
- Ecu.** European currency unit
- ECU.** Database of daily Ecu exchange rates
- ECYEB.** European Community Youth Exchange Bureau
- EDC.** European Documentation Centre
- EDF.** European Development Fund. Historically, European Defence Community proposal of 1952.
- EDI.** Electronic Data Interchange
- EDIFACT.** Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport.
- EE.** *Eterorythmos Eteria*, limited partnership, Greece
- EEC.** European Economic Community
- EEIG.** European Economic Interest Grouping (corporate structure).
- EFDO.** European Film Distribution Office
- EFEC.** European Finance Engineering Company
- EF-News.** Newsletter published by the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions.
- EFICS.** European Forestry Information & Communications System
- EFTA.** European Free Trade Association (non-EC Western European countries).
- EIB.** European Investment Bank
- EIC.** European Information Centre
- EINECS.** European INventory of Existing Chemical Substances
- einfuhrumsatzsteuer.*** German import turnover tax
- einkommensteuer (ESt).*** German income tax
- einkommensteuergesetz (EStG).*** German income tax law
- einzelunternehmen.*** Sole proprietorship, Germany
- EIS.** Export Intelligence Service (UK Government export service available commercially, and on-line)
- ELISE.** European Local Initiatives System of Exchanges database
- ELWW.** European Laboratories Without Walls
- empresa.*** Enterprise (Spanish)
- EMS.** European Monetary System
- EMSU.** European Medium and Small Business Union
- enkeltmandsvirksomhed.*** Sole proprietorship, Denmark
- enlargement.** European Community enlargement with addition of new member states.

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**ENREP.** ENvironmental REsearch Projects database

*entreprise individuelle.* Sole proprietorship, France

**EP.** European Parliament

**EPC.** European Political Co-operation. Historically, European Political Community, a failed 1952 initiative.

**EPE.** *Eteria Periorismensis Efthinis*, private company, Greece

**EPO.** European Patents Office

**EPOCH.** European Programme On Climatology & natural Hazards, EC R&D programme.

**EPOQUE.** European Parliament documentary system database

**ERASMUS II.** European Action Programme for the Mobility of University Students.

*erbschaftsteuer (ErbSt).* Inheritance tax, Germany

*ErbSt.* See *erbschaftsteuer*

**ERDF.** European Regional Development Fund

*escrita publica.* Public deed, Spain

**ESA.** European Space Agency, Paris

**ESA-IRS.** European Space Agency Information Retrieval Service

**ESC.** Economic and Social Committee

**Esc.** Portuguese escudos

**ESF.** European Social Fund

**ESPRIT.** Database of ESPRIT projects

**ESPRIT II.** European Strategic Programme for Research and Development in Information Technology.

**ESRA.** European Safety and Reliability Association Newsletter, published by the EC's Joint Research Centre.

*ESt.* See *einkommensteuer*

*EStG.* See *einkommensteuergesetz*

*eteria periorismensis efthinis (EPE).* Private company, Greece

*eterorythmos eteria (EE).* Limited partnership, Greece

**ETSI.** European Telecommunications Standards Institute

**EURATOM.** European Atomic Energy Community

**EURECOM.** Monthly bulletin of European Community economic and financial activity.

**EUREKA.** European-wide research collaboration programme

- EURET.** European Research for Transport, EC R&D programme
- EURISTOTE.** Database of studies on European integration
- EURL.** *L'entreprise unipersonnelle à responsabilité limitée*, single shareholder limited liability company, France.
- EURO AIM.** European Organisation for an Independent Audiovisual Market.
- Eurobases.** European Commission host service for databases
- EUROCONTACT.** Joint research projects database
- EUROCRON.** Database containing sub-files, *EUROSTATISTICS*, *FARMSTAT*, *REGIOSTAT* (see separate entries).
- EURODICAUTOM.** EUROpe DICtionnaire AUTomatisé, database of scientific and technical terminology.
- Euro-executive.** Buzz word for a high flying executive in a European multinational, not an EC official.
- Eurogroup.** Alliance of small business lobby groups
- Euroguichet.** Euro-Info-Centre
- Euro-Info.** European Commission newsletter for small and medium-sized enterprises.
- Euro-Info-Centre.** A local branch of the European business information network.
- EUR-OP.** On-line host organisation of the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, also known as *OPOCE* and *OOPEC*.
- European Affairs.** Quarterly magazine on European issues Published by Elsevier, PO Box 470, 1000 AL Amsterdam.
- European Community.** Collective name for the European Economic Community (EEC), the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM).
- European Council.** Twice yearly summit of European Community heads of government.
- European Documentation Series.** Substantial booklets on major topics published by the European Community.
- European Economy.** Quarterly European Community publication
- European File.** Series of Commission booklets on various topics
- European Perspectives.** Publications series on European Community policies
- EUROPMI.** European Committee of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
- EUROSTAT.** Statistical Office of the European Communities
- EUROSTATISTICS.** Sub-set of economic statistics within the *EUROCRON* database.
- EUROTRA.** EUROpéen de TRaduction automatique de conception avancée, machine translation EC R&D programme.

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- Eurostat.** Statistical Office of the European Communities
- EUROTECNET.** Action programme to promote innovation in technological vocational training.
- EUR-reports.** Reports of completed scientific/technical studies
- EURYDICE.** European Community education programme
- EVCA.** European Venture Capital Association
- EVE.** Espace Vidéo Européen
- EXPROM.** Exports to Japan promotion
- FAR.** Fisheries and Aquaculture Research, EC R&D programme
- FARMSTAT.** Sub-set of economic statistics within the *EUROCRON* database
- FAST.** Forecasting and Assessment in Science and Technology, EC R&D sub-programme (see *MONITOR*).
- Faute grave.*** Serious fault culpability in French employee dismissal law
- Faute légère.*** Slight fault culpability in French employee dismissal law
- Faute lourde.*** Gross fault culpability in French employee dismissal law
- FEOGA.** French acronym for *EAGGF*
- feuerschutzsteuer.*** German fire protection tax
- FF.** French franc
- field.** Subdivision of a record in a database
- filial.*** Branch of a company, Denmark
- filial af udenlandsk selskab.*** Foreign subsidiary in Denmark
- FINA.** Financial statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*
- finanzämter.*** German local tax office
- finanzanlagen.*** Financial assets, Germany
- Finanzgericht.*** State finance court, Germany
- FISH.** Fishery statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*
- FLAIR.** Food Linked Agro-Industrial Research
- flüssig mittel.*** Liquid assets, Germany
- Fob.** Freight on board
- FOC.** Fibre Optic Cable
- FORCE.** Action programme for the development of continual vocational training
- Fonds National de l'Emploi.*** National Employment Fund, France
- foreninger.*** Society, Denmark
- FOREST.** Raw materials EC R&D sub-programme (see Raw Materials)

- Framework Programme.** Generally refers to the EC's framework programme of EC R&D projects.
- freihäfen.** Free port, Germany
- FRG.** Federal Republic of Germany
- FRIA.** Annual external trade statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*
- FSSRS.** Farm Structure Survey Retrieval System statistical database
- fusão.** Merger, Portugal
- Fusion.** Thermonuclear fusion EC R&D programme
- gateway.** Means of access to a communications system
- GATT.** UN General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
- GBOP.** Global balance payment statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*
- GDP.** Gross Domestic Product
- GDR.** German Democratic Republic (East Germany before reunification)
- Generalsekretär.** General Secretary (German)
- gérant.** Manager (French)
- gesellschaftervertrag.** Articles of association, Germany
- gesellschaftsteuer.** Capital investment tax, Germany
- gesellschaftsführer.** Company director, Germany
- gewerbeertrag.** Company earnings, Germany
- gewerbekapital.** Company capital, Germany
- Gewerbesteuer (GewSt).** Municipal trade tax, Germany
- Gewerbesteuergesetz (GewStG).** Municipal trade tax law, Germany
- GewSt.** See *Gewerbesteuer*
- GewStG.** See *Gewerbesteuergesetz*
- GFCF.** Gross Fixed Capital Formation
- GIE.** *Groupement d'intérêt économique*, economic interest grouping, France
- GmbH.** *Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung*, limited liability private company, Germany.
- GNP.** Gross National Product
- GR.** International postal code for Greece
- Grey List.** List of Members of the European Parliament
- grey literature.** Reports, booklets etc published by organisations, not generally available in bookshops.
- Green Europe.** European Community agricultural newsletter

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**GrEst.** See *Grunderwerbsteuer*

**groupement d'intérêt économique (GIE).** Economic interest grouping, France

**grunderwerbsteuer (GrEst).** Property acquisition tax, Germany

**grundgesetz.** German constitution

**Grundsatz Ordnungsmässiger Buchführung.** German accounting regulations

**grundsteuer.** German municipal property tax

**GSP.** Generalised Scheme of Preferences

**Handelsgesetzbuch.** German Commercial Code

**hauptgeschäftsführer.** Managing director, Germany

**host.** An on-line database playing "host" to other databases

**HTM.** High Temperature Materials

**HTM-DB.** High Temperature Materials Database

**I.** International postal code for Italy

**IBC.** Integrated Broadband Communications

**ICA.** International Coffee Agreement

**ICAO.** International Civil Aviation Organisation

**ICG.** Economic statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*

**ICO.** International Coffee Organisation

**IDN.** Integrated Digital Network

**IDO.** Integrated Development Operation (regional development)

**IDP.** Integrated Development Programme (regional development)

**IEA.** International Energy Agency

**IES-DC.** Information technology and government-funded EC R&D projects database.

**Ile de France.** Greater Paris region

**ILOR.** Local income tax, Italy

**IMF.** International Monetary Fund

**I'M Guide.** Electronic information guide from *ECHO*

**IMP.** Integrated Mediterranean Programme

**IMPACT.** Information Market Polict ACTions, advanced information transmission EC R&D programme.

**impiegati.** Salaried employees (Italian)

**imposto camarário.** Municipal tax, Portugal

**imposto complementar.** Income tax, Portugal

- imposto de capitais.* Withholding tax, Portugal
- imposto de comércio e indústria.* Municipal tax, Portugal
- imposto de mais-valias.* Capital gains tax, Portugal
- imposto de selo.* Stamp tax, Portugal
- imposto de transacções.* Sales tax, Portugal
- imposto profissional.* Professional income tax, Portugal
- imposto sobre a indústria agrícola.* Agricultural tax, Portugal
- impôt commercial communal.* Municipal business tax, Luxembourg
- import sur la fortune.* Wealth tax, Luxembourg
- impôt sur le revenu des collectifs.* Corporation tax, Luxembourg
- impôt sur le revenu des personnes.* Income tax, Luxembourg
- impôt sur les sociétés.* Corporation tax, France
- impuesto extraordinario sobre el patrimonio de las personas físicas.* Wealth tax, Spain.
- impuesto general sobre el tráfico de las empresas.* Sales tax, Spain
- impuesto sobre el valor añadido.* Value Added Tax, Spain
- impuesto sobre la renta de las personas físicas.* Income tax, Spain
- impuesto sobre sociedades.* Corporation tax, Spain
- impuesto sobre sucesiones y donaciones.* Inheritance/gift tax, Spain
- INDE.** Industrial production statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*.
- INFO 92.** Single Market progress database
- INFOMARK.** INFORMATION MARKET News, on-line version of *I'M News*
- Ing..** Abbr. Engineer (Italian/Dutch title)
- INI.** *Instituto Nacional de Industrias*, Spanish national holding company
- internal market.** The combined market of the EC member states
- interessentskab (I/S).* General partnership, Denmark
- intermediaires agréé.* French approved banking intermediary
- INTERPRISE.** Initiative to Encourage Partnerships between Industries and Services in Europe.
- intra-Community.** Within the EC, or between EC member states
- intra-EC.** Within the EC, or between EC member states
- INSIS.** Inter-Institutional integrated Services Information System, EC R&D programme.
- international verbundenen unternehmen.** Multinational company, Germany



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- investitionszulagengesetz.** Investment grant law, Germany
- INVIM.** Property appreciation tax, Italy
- ipokatastima xenis eterias.** Foreign subsidiary, Greece
- IRIS.** European network of training schemes for women
- IR£.** Irish pound
- IRL.** International postal code for Ireland
- IRPEF.** Personal income tax, Italy
- IRPEG.** Corporation tax, Italy
- (I/S).** *Interessentskab*, general partnership, Denmark
- ISBN.** International Standard Book Number
- ISDN.** Integrated Services Digital Network
- ISIC.** United Nations International Standard Industrial Classification
- ISO.** International Standards organisation
- ISTI.** Industrial economic indicators statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*
- IT.** Information Technology
- ITER.** International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor
- IT&T.** Information Technology and Telecommunications
- JEF.** Jeunesse Européene Federaliste, Young European Federalist movement
- JEP.** Joint European Projects
- JET.** Joint European Torus
- JESSI.** Joint European Sub-Micron Silicon Project
- JOULE.** Joint Opportunities for Unconventional or Long-Term Energy supply, EC R&D programme.
- JRC.** European Community Joint Research Centre
- JUSLETTER.** European Community law database, especially citizens rights
- kamer van koophandel.** Chamber of commerce (Netherlands)
- KapEst.** See *Kapitalertragsteuer*
- Kapitalertragsteuer (KapEst).** German capital withholding tax
- kapitaltilførselsafgift.** Capital investment tax, Denmark
- KG.** *Kommanditgesellschaft*, limited partnership, Germany
- kinopraxia.** Joint venture, Greece
- kommanditisten.** Limited partner, Germany
- kommanditselskab (K/S).** Limited partnership, Denmark
- komplementär.** General partner, Germany

- konstituierende generalforsamling.** Statutory company meeting, Denmark
- konzernen.** Business group, Germany
- körperschaftsteuer (KSt).** German corporation tax
- körperschaftsteuergesetz (KStG).** German corporation tax law
- (K/S).** *Kommanditselskab*, limited partnership, Denmark
- KSt.** See *Körperschaftsteuer*
- KStG.** See *Körperschaftsteuergesetz*
- kraftfahrzeugssteuer.** German state vehicle tax
- L.** International postal code for Luxembourg
- land.** State (German)
- Landeszentralbank.** State central banking authority, Germany
- Lda.** *Sociedade por Quotas de Responsabilidade Limitada*, limited liability private company, Portugal.
- l'entreprise unipersonnelle à responsabilité limitée (EURL).** Single shareholder limited liability company, France.
- ley de patentes.** Spanish patent law
- LF.** Luxembourg franc
- licença.** Licence (Portugese)
- LINGUA.** Programme to promote foreign language learning in the European Community.
- Lit.** Italian lira
- lizen.** Licence, Germany
- Lomé Convention.** Development aid agreement with African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) states.
- L Series.** L Series of the *Official Journal of the European Communities* containing texts of Community legislation.
- Madrid Arrangement.** 1982 international patent agreement
- magnetic tape.** Tape containing data
- MAP-TV.** Memories Archives Programmes Television
- marque de fabrique.** French registered trade mark
- MAST.** MARine Science and Technology, EC R&D programme
- MBI.** Medicine and BioInformatics
- MBS.** Media Business School
- Mecu.** Million European Currency Units
- MEDIA.** Measures to Encourage the Development of the Audiovisual Industry

## Glossary

**mehrwertsteuer.** Value Added Tax, Germany. Also referred to as turnover tax (*umsatzsteuer*).

**MEP.** Member of the European Parliament

**member state.** A member state of the European Community

**menus.** Database search query language

**MFA.** Multi Fibre Arrangement

**MISEP.** Mutual Information System on Employment Policies database

**MISTRAL.** Query language for searching certain databases

**MONITOR.** Strategic analysis forecasting evaluation, EC R&D programme

**NACE.** Common statistical industrial classification within the European Community.

**naamloze vennootschap (NV).** Public company, Belgium

**NCI.** New Community Instrument (EC financial aid)

**NCPI.** New Commercial Policy Instrument

**NET.** Next European Torus

**NETT.** Network Environmental Technology Transfer, EC R&D programme

**NGO.** Non-Governmental Organisation

**NICs.** Newly Industrial Countries

**niederlassung.** Branch of foreign corporation, Germany

**nimexe.** External trade statistics nomenclature

**NL.** International postal code for the Netherlands

**notaire.** Property & contract notary, France

**note d'information.** Company prospectus (French)

**NTN.** National Telecommunication Network

**NUA.** National User Address of a computer in the data network

**NUI.** National User Identifier

**NUTS.** Nomenclature of Statistical Territorial Units

**NV.** *Naamloze vennootschap*, public company, Belgium, Netherlands

**NVOCCs.** Non-Vessel-Owning Common Carriers

**OBJECTIVE 92.** Newsletter on progress to complete the Single Market

**OCTs.** Overseas Countries and Territories

**OE.** *Omorythmos eteria*, General partnership, Greece

**OECD.** Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**OEEC.** Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, present name *OECD*

- oeuvre de l'esprit.*** Works protected by intellectual property laws, France
- offene handelsgesellschaft (OHG).*** Commercial partnership, Germany
- Official Journal.** The *Official Journal of the European Communities*, published daily.
- OGH.*** *Offene Handelsgesellschaft*, commercial partnership, Germany
- OJ.** *Official Journal of the European Communities*, published daily
- OJEC.** *Official Journal of the European Communities*, published daily
- omorythmos eteria (OE).*** General partnership, Greece
- on-line.** Denoting that information can be accessed by computer
- ONP.** Open Network Provision
- OOPEC.** See *OPOCE*
- Opinion.** Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee or the European Parliament, usually in response to European Commission proposals.
- OPN.** Open Network Provision (communications initiative)
- OPEC.** Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries
- operai.*** Workers (Italian)
- OPOCE.** Official Publications Office of the European Community host for on-line information also known as *OOPEC* and *EUR-OP*.
- orangesellschaft.*** Controlled subsidiary company, Germany
- Ortoli facility.** EC financial instrument
- P.** International postal code for Portugal
- PABLI.** PAgEs BLeues Informatisée, development projects database
- PACS.** Picture Archiving Communications System
- PAT.*** *Prime d'arménagement du territoire*, regional development grant, France
- parts d'intérêt.*** Company shares (French)
- PEDIP.** Programme for the development of Portuguese industry
- Personenvenootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid (PVBA).*** Limited liability company, Belgium.
- PBX.** Private Branch Exchange
- pequena y mediana empresa.*** Small & medium-sized enterprises (Spanish)
- pequenas e médias empresas.*** Small & medium-sized enterprises (Portuguese)
- pensionskassen.*** German pension fund
- personnel mis à disposition.*** Part-time employees, casual workers etc., France
- personengesellschaft.*** Partnership, Germany
- PETRA.** Action programme for vocational training of young people and preparation for adult life.

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**PHARE.** Poland and Hungary aid programme for economic restructuring

**PICKUP Europe Unit.** UK Department of Education and Science training initiative.

**POINT.** Public Orders Information Network

**pôles de conversion.** Depressed areas, France

**postbus.** Post office box (Dutch)

**PRAG.** Agricultural prices statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*

**PRE.** *Prime régionale à l'emploi (PRE)*, small business employment grant, France

**President Directeur Général.** Company president (French).

**prime d'aménagement du territoire (PAT).** regional development grant, France

**prime régionale à l'emploi (PRE)** Small business employment grant, France

**Procureur de la République.** French State Prosecutor

**productschap.** Product boards (Netherlands)

**Produit Interieur Brut.** Gross Domestic Product (French)

**programme.** Framework, aims, timescale and procedures in EC R&D and other EC agendas.

**Ptas.** Spanish pesetas

**PVBA.** *Personenvennootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid*, limited liability company, Belgium.

**query language.** Uniform system for searching databases

**raad.** Council (Netherlands)

**RACE.** Research in Advanced Communications in Europe, EC R&D programme.

**rainbow.** Text of European Parliament proceedings, so named after the editions bearing the designated national colour for each member state.

**RAM.** Random Access Memory

**RAPID.** European Commission spokesman's service news releases etc database.

**rapporteur.** Officially appointed speaker, reporting on any issue in a European Community institution.

**RARE.** Réseaux Associés pour la Recherche Européenne, European research association.

**Raw Materials.** EC R&D programme

**R&D.** Research and Development

**RDP.** RACE Definition Phase

**REGIO.** Regional economic statistics database

**REGIOSTAT.** Shorter version of *REGIO* database

- Registo de la Propiedad Industrial.** Patent office, Spain
- Regulation.** EC regulation direct enforceable from Brussels
- REM.** Radioactivity monitoring database
- Renfe.** Spanish national railway company
- revisorer.** Accountants, Denmark
- REWARD.** Waste recycling EC R&D sub-programme (see Raw Materials)
- RMP.** RACE Main Phase
- Rome Treaty.** Treaty of 1957 establishing the European Economic Community.
- RTI.** Road Transport Informatics technologies
- RTD.** Research and Technological Development
- RTD-Acronyms.** Research and technological development acronyms, sub-database within *CORDIS*.
- RTD-COM Documents.** Research and technological development documents, sub-database within *CORDIS*.
- RTD-News.** Research and technological development sub-database within *CORDIS*.
- RTD-Partners.** Research and technological sub-database within *CORDIS*.
- RTD-Programmes.** Research and technological development programmes sub-database within *CORDIS*.
- RTD-Projects.** Research and technological projects sub-database within *CORDIS*
- RTD-Publications.** Research and technological publications sub-database within *CORDIS*.
- RTD-Results.** Research and technological development published results sub-database within *CORDIS*.
- SA.** *Sociedad anonima*, public company, Spain
- SA.** *Sociedade anonima de responsabilidade limitada*, corporation, Portugal
- SA.** *Soci t  anonyme*, public company, Belgium, France, Luxembourg
- SABINE.** Syst me d'Acc s   la Banque Informatique des Nomenclatures, nomenclature management system database.
- salair minimum interprofessionnel de croissance (SMIC).** Legal minimum wage, France.
- salgskontor.** Sales promotion, Denmark
- SapA.** *Societ  in accomandita per azioni*, incorporated partnership, Italy
- SARL.** *Sociedade an nima de responsabilidade limitada*, public company, Portugal.
- SARL.** *Societ    resonsabilit  limit e*, limited liability private company, France, Luxembourg.

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**SAST.** Strategic Analysis in Science and Technology, EC R&D sub-programme (see *MONITOR*).

**SC.** *Sociedad en comandita (SC)*, limited partnership, Spain

**SCAD.** Système Communautaire d'Accès à la Documentation, European Community documentation database.

**Schuman Plan.** 1950 initiative to pool coal and steel resources of France and Germany.

**SCIENCE.** Stimulation des Coopérations Internationales et des Echanges Nécessaires aux Chercheurs en Europe, scientific and technical co-operation EC R&D programme.

**SCRL.** *Sociedade cooperativa de responsabilidade limitada (SCRL)*, co-operative, Portugal.

**SE.** *Societas Europea* (Community company)

**SEA.** Single European Act

**search.** To search an on-line database using a query language or given code

**SEC1&2.** National economic statistics sub-databases within *CRONOS*

**SEC documents.** Internal European Commission documents concerning Community decisions.

**SEM.** Single European Market

**SESAME.** Energy EC R&D projects database

**SIC.** Subject Index Classification, a coding system in the *CORDIS* database

**SIDR.** Iron & steel statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*

**Single European Act.** 1987 Act amending the founding EC treaties

**SIP.** Subject Index Provider, information provider's own subject index

**SIPS.** Revenue/expenditure of social protection statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*.

**sis.** Property transfer tax, Portugal

**SITC.** Standard International Trade Classification

**SL.** *Sociedad responsabilidad limitada (SL)*, private limited liability company, Spain.

**SME.** Small and medium-sized enterprise

**SNC.** *Sociedade en nome colectivo*, unlimited liability company/partnership, Portugal.

**SNC.** *Société en nom collectif (SNC)*, general partnership, France

**Snc.** *Società in nome collettivo*, general partnership, Italy

**SRC.** *Sociedad regular colectiva*, general partnership, Spain

**SOCI.** Social statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*

- sociedad anonima (SA)*. public company, Spain
- sociedad de capital riesgo*. Venture capital company, Spain
- sociedad en comandita (SC)*. Limited partnership, Spain
- sociedad regular colectiva (SRC)*. General partnership, Spain
- sociedad responsabilidad limitada (SL)*. Private limited liability company, Spain
- sociedade anònima de responsabilidade limitada (SARL)*. Public company, Portugal.
- sociedade cooperativa de responsabilidade limitada (SCRL)*. Co-operative, Portugal.
- sociedade de controlo*. Holding company, Portugal
- sociedade de investimento*. Investment corporation, Portugal
- sociedade de locação financeira*. Leasing corporation, Portugal
- sociedade em comandita*. Limited partnership, Portugal
- sociedade em nome colectivo*. General partnership, Portugal
- sociedade por quotas (Lda)*. Private limited company, Portugal
- società a responsabilità limitata (Srl)*. Private limited company, Italy
- società in accomandita per Azioni (Sapa)*. Incorporated partnership, Italy
- società in nome collettivo (Snc)*. General partnership, Italy
- société anonyme (SA)*. Public company, Belgium, France, Luxembourg
- société à responsabilité limitée (SARL)*. Private limited liability company, France, Luxembourg
- société coopérative (SC)*. Form of joint venture, Belgium, Luxembourg
- société civile*. Civil (not commercial) company, France, Luxembourg.
- société de personnes à responsabilité limitée (SPRL)*. Private limited liability company, Belgium.
- société en commandite par actions (SCA)*. Form of limited partnership, Belgium, France, Luxembourg.
- société en commandite simple (SCS)*. Form of limited partnership, Belgium, France, Luxembourg.
- société en nom collectif (SNC)*. General partnership, Belgium, France, Luxembourg (SENC).
- société en participation (SP)*. Form of joint venture, Luxembourg
- société en participation (SP)*. Silent partnership, France
- Société pour le Industries Exportatives (SOFININDEX)*. French export finance company.
- società per azioni (Spa)*. Public company, Italy



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**SOFININDEX.** *Société pour le Industries Exportatives*, French export finance company.

**SP.** *Société en participation (SP)*, silent partnership, France

**Spa.** *Società per azioni*, public company, Italy

**SPEAR.** Support Programme for Evaluation Activities in Research, EC R&D sub-programme (see *MONITOR*).

**SPEARHEAD.** UK Government Single Market database

**SPES.** Stimulation Programme for Economic Sciences, EC R&D programme

**SPRINT.** Strategic Programme for INnovation and Technology Transfer, EC R&D programme.

**SPRL.** *Société privée à responsabilité Limitée*, private limited liability company, Belgium.

**SRL.** *Sociedad de responsabilidad limitada*, limited liability private company, Spain.

**Srl.** *Società a responsabilità limitata*, limited liability private company, Italy

**S Series.** S Series of the *Official Journal of the European Communities* containing notices of public works and supply contracts, projects financed by the European Development Fund (see also *TED*).

**STABEX.** Stability in Export Revenue (Lomé Convention)

**stagiaire.** Temporary placement for graduates in a European Community institution.

**STAR.** Special Telecommunications Action for Regional development, EC R&D programme.

**STD.** Science and Technology for Development, EC R&D programme

**STEP.** Science and Technology for Environmental Protection, EC R&D programme.

**stiftelsesoverenskomst.** Formation agreement, Denmark

**stille Gesellschaft.** Silent or “sleeping” partnership, Germany

**STRIDE.** Science and Technology for Regional Innovation and Development in Europe, EC R&D programme.

**sub-file.** A collection of data, usually named acronymically, within a larger database.

**succursale.** Foreign subsidiary, France

**sucursal.** Foreign subsidiary, Portugal, Spain

**syndicale.** Trade union or movement (French)

**syndicat.** Trade association (French)

**SYSMIN.** System for Safeguarding and Developing Mineral Production

- Target 1992.** Series of free summaries of Single Market developments
- TECNET.** TEChnologies NETwork, *EUROTECNET* labour technology projects database.
- TED.** Tenders Electronic Daily (database)
- TEDIS.** Trade Electronic Data Interchange System
- TELEMAN.** TELEMAnipulation dans les environnements nucléaires dangereux et perturbés, remote handling in hazardous or disordered nuclear environments EC R&D programme.
- TEMPUS.** Trans-European Mobility scheme for University Studies
- teo.** *Teoranta*, limited liability private company, Ireland
- TES.** Tableaux Entrées Sorties, statistical database
- TFHR.** Task Force Human Resources training and youth
- THERMIE.** New energy technologies, EC R&D programme
- THESAURI.** Index of structured vocabularies for information retrieval
- THESAURUS GUIDE.** Database of structured vocabularies for information retrieval.
- TII.** Technology Innovation Information
- TIP.** Technology Integration Project
- TRIPS.** Trade Related Intellectual Property rights
- TRN.** Technology Request Network (TII)
- TVA.** *taxe la valeur ajoutée*, Value Added Tax (French)
- UEAPME.** Union of Craft Industries and Trades of the EEC
- UETP.** University-Enterprise Training Partnership (under COMETT)
- ufficiale.** Official (descriptive), Italy
- ufficio.** Office, Italy
- UKREP.** United Kingdom Permanent REPresentative to the European Communities.
- umsatzsteuer.** Value Added Tax (Turnover Tax), Germany
- umsatzsteuergesetz.** Value Added Tax (Turnover Tax) law, Germany
- UN.** United Nations
- UNICE.** Confederation of European Industries (*Union des Industries des Communautés Européennes*).
- uniones temporales de empresas.** Form of commercial joint venture, Spain
- universalbanken.** Nation-wide bank, Germany
- unternehmen.** Enterprises, Germany

## Glossary

**urlaubsgeld.** Holiday pay, Germany

**vade-mecum.** Description given to an in-depth publication on a special interest topic published by the European Community.

**VALOREN.** Energy EC R&D programme

**VALUE.** VAlorisation and Utilisation for Europe, EC R&D programme

**VAT.** Value Added Tax

**vereniging.** Association (Netherlands)

**vermögensteuer.** German net assets tax

**vermögensteuergesetz.** German net assets tax law

**versicherungsteuergesetz.** German insurance tax

**verwaltungsrat.** Supervisory board, Germany

**vocal ejecutivo.** Spokesman (Spanish)

**vorstand.** Board of management of a public company, Germany

**wechselsteuer.** Stamp duty, Germany

**werbungskosten.** Income-related expenses claimed against tax, Germany

**WEU.** Western European Union (1948)

**White Paper.** Short title of the important 1985 white paper **Completing the Internal Market** (ISBN 92-825-5436-8).

**WIPO.** World Intellectual Property Organisation, Geneva

**wirtschaftsprüfer.** Auditor/accountant, Germany

**wirtschaftsprüferordnung.** Code of public accountants, Germany

**working documents.** Documents prepared by the Directorates-General of the European Commission for internal use.

**X/M.** Exports dived by imports

**ZEN1.** Energy statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*

**Zentraler Kapitalmarkt-Ausschuss.** Central Capital Market Committee, Germany

**ZCA1.** External trade (ACP/Mediterranean) statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*.

**zölle und verbrauchsteuern.** German federal taxes/levies

**zollfreiegebiete.** Customs-free zone, Germany. See also *freihäfen*

**zonenrandgebiete.** Areas of former West Germany bordering the former German Democratic Republic (East Germany).

**ZPA1.** Agricultural statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*

**ZPVD.** Developing countries statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*

**ZRD1.** Government EC R&D expenditure statistics sub-database within *CRONOS*.

**zweigniederlassung.** Registered branch of a company, Germany

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