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- **Court decisions**
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formation on the content of these national databases and the different search possibilities. When searching in a foreign language the multilingual EuroVoc thesaurus can be helpful <http://eurovoc.europa.eu/drupal/?q=node>.

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Statistics

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