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BILINGUAL AND MULTILINGUAL LEGAL DICTIONARIES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

A critical bibliography

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Maastricht, 15 May 2005
[Abstract]

Legal dictionaries are useful tools in preparing quality translations. Unfortunately, their quality is often questionable due to a lack of reliability. Many such dictionaries deserve serious criticism, which becomes clear when our evaluation criteria are applied. Based on comparative legal research, these criteria are applied to the basic organisation of bilingual and multilingual legal dictionaries.

The crucial issue in dictionary assessment is to establish a sound basis for criticism. We are convinced that this basis is found in the nature of the language of the law. The language of the law is very much a system-bound language, i.e. a language related to a specific legal system. Translators of legal terminology are obliged therefore to practice comparative law. Based on these crucial considerations, desiderata for reliable legal dictionaries may be formulated. A legal dictionary should indicate, for example, the degree of equivalence, or the absence thereof, in the target language-related legal system.

From this broad perspective we have developed a typology for the purpose of classifying hundreds of recently published legal dictionaries containing the legal languages of all EU Member States. We have established the following three categories; each successive category shows a higher degree of quality:

1) **Word lists (WORD)**
Those bilingual or multilingual lists of terms offering unsubstantiated translations; equivalence is assumed; no explanation as to different meanings is offered. Solely useful for words not found in other dictionaries;

2) **Explanatory Dictionaries (EXPL)**
Those also containing sample sentences illustrating the relevant linguistic context;

3) **Comparative Dictionaries (COMP)**
These also refer to legal systems and/or legal sources, such as legislation or the literature, and to legal areas or comparative law. They distinguish between legal systems that share the same language.

Our final conclusion is that most legal dictionaries must be classified as a word list, which implies here that they are of dubious quality. To date, few legal dictionaries have attempted to meet our criteria. Dictionaries that are based on comparative legal research, on the other hand, offer advantages that render them useful to professional translators.

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The idea of a trichotomy can already be found with Jacques Le Tellier, who has distinguished three ‘generations’ of dictionaries: the first one does not give explanations nor examples; the second ‘generation’ provides for contexts to find equivalents; the third one offers contexts and definitions. (Jacques Le Tellier in a letter to the Asser Institute; see G. Hesseling, Een juridisch woordenboek: geen alledaags project; in: Tien jaren T.M.C. Asser Instituut 1965-1975, Den Haag 1975 (p. 141-148) p. 144.)

In connection to the names of the Member States, the direction of the translation is shown as follows:
→ one-way dictionary, only translating from e.g. FR into ES;
↔ bi-directional dictionary, for translating from e.g. FR into ES, and vice versa.
Nevertheless, the dictionary is recommended by I. Prüfer (Lebende Sprachen 1995, p. 41-42).

COMP: UK→DK, SE
Anderson, R.J.B.
Anglo-Scandinavian Law Dictionary of Legal Terms Used in Professional and Commercial Practice
Oslo 1977
137 p
ISBN 8200023656
Contains a relatively low number of entries, but gives for these terms rather elaborated information. Contains references to literature and introductory information on the judicial organisation in England, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The title of the dictionary is too broad, because it is obviously restricted to contract law. Interesting is that it is indicated explicitly whether for a given term from the source language a full or partial equivalent exists in the target language. If one can hesitate about the equivalence, this is indicated with ‘compare’. Lack of an equivalent in the target language is also expressly mentioned.

WORD/EXPL: UK→PT
Andrade, P.G. & Saraiva, Á.D.
Dicionário jurídico inglês-português
Porto 1991
242 p
ISBN 9729427445
Gives for several Portuguese terms references to statutory provisions, but this happens rather incidentally and not systematically.
Andrade, P.G. & Saraiva, Á.D.
Dicionário jurídico francês-português
2.a edição revista e aumentada
Lisboa 1996
227 p
ISBN 9728198108

Gives for several Portuguese terms references to statutory provisions, but this happens rather incidentally and not systematically. Remarkable is the short list with legal dictionaries on page 227; these dictionaries will have inspired the authors.

Andresson, H. & Tamm, V.
Saksa-eesti õigussõnaraamat
Tartu 1998
315 p
ISBN 9985603915

Antolínez Quijano, C.
Fachwörterbuch für Recht und Verwaltung Deutsch-Spanisch/Spanisch-Deutsch
2. neubearb. und erw. Auflage
Köln 1983
VI+427 p
ISBN 345219325x

Apinis, M.
Juridisko terminu vārdnīca latviešu-angļu/angļu-latviešu
Riga 2002
265 p
ISBN 998463633x

Apovnik, P. et al.
Slovenski pravni leksikon z nemškimi in italijanskimi ustreznicami geselskih besed
Ljubljana 1999
310 p
ISBN 961907260x

Bakeš, M. et al.
Česko-anglicko-německo-francouzský slovníček právních pojmů
2. upravené vydání
Praha 2000
162 p
ISBN 8072012258

Baleyte, J. et al.
Dictionnaire économique et juridique
Economic and legal dictionary
5e édition
Paris 2000
646 p
ISBN 2275003851
Reviewed by G.R. de Groot & L. Rayar, European Review of Private Law, 3 (1995) p. 523-533. They conclude (p. 532-533) that the volume fails to give an indication as to the degree of equivalence of terms and does not state whether a suggested translation is a neologism. They have missed also (bibliographic) references as to legal system, area of law and relevant articles or Codes. The volume offers mainly unsubstantiated translation suggestions.

WORD/EXPL: HU→FR
Bárdosi, V. et al.
Magyar-francia-magyar jogi szótár
Budapest 2001
XXX+373 p
ISBN 9632246020

WORD: UK→DE
Bauer, B.
Legal terms
Die wichtigsten Fachausdrücke des englischen Rechts
9. Auflage
Bonn 2003
121 p
ISBN 3980924106

WORD: FR→DE
Bauer, B.
Termes juridiques
Die wichtigsten Fachausdrücke des französischen Rechts
4. Auflage
Bonn 2003
72 p
ISBN 3980924114

WORD: HU→DE
Bauer, B.
Jogi szókincs
Die wichtigsten Fachausdrücke des ungarischen Rechts
Passau 2003
84 p
ISBN 3980505731

WORD: ES→DE
Becher, H.J.
Wörterbuch der Rechts- und Wirtschaftssprache
Vol 1: Spanisch-Deutsch
5. Auflage
München 1999
This dictionary is divided according to specific fields of the law, which gives to the terms a certain context. Some translation suggestions are motivated in footnotes, but this happens rather incidentally and not systematically. The structure of this dictionary is therefore far from being consistent.

A very extended word list. Contains a long list with abbreviations and contractions.

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Anglicko-český právnický slovník
2. rozšířené vydání
Praha 2001
863 p
8072013203

**WORD: ES↔UK**
Bodoutchian-Sáiz, V.
Diccionario jurídico-empresarial español-inglés-español
Madrid, 2000
347 p
ISBN 8495428032

**WORD/EXPL: NL↔DE,FR,UK**
Boele-Woelki, K. et al.
Nederlandse rechtsbegrippen vertaald
Frans-Engels-Duits
2e herz. druk
Den Haag 1998
XVIII+74 p
ISBN 9067041041

*Word list, initiated by the Netherlands Association of Comparative Law, with aims to standardise the translation suggestions.*

**EXPL : ES↔UK**
Bossini, F.R. & Gleeson, M.
Diccionario bilingüe de terminología jurídica
Inglés-Español/Español-Inglés segunda edición
Madrid 1998
XXVII+554 p
ISBN 8448120604

*The English entry terms are frequently – sometimes even extensively – explained in Spanish. However, the translation suggestions are not linked with references or illustrated by citations.*

**WORD: SE↔FR**
Bouvier, M.
Svensk-fransk och fransk-svensk Juridisk ordbok
Stockholm 1988
292 p
ISBN 9175480689

**WORD: DE↔IT**
Brandt, E. & Lori, V.
Grundwortschatz der Rechtssprache
Deutsch-Italienisch/Italienisch-Deutsch
Neuwied 1997
X+393 p
ISBN 3472026243

*The entries of the word list have been arranged by 28 fields of the law, which offers a certain context to the terms involved. However, this approach makes a quick consultation of*
the dictionary difficult if one does not yet know to which field of the law a certain term belongs.

**WORD/EXPL: BE, FR → UK**
Bridge, F.H.S.
The Council of Europe French-English legal dictionary
Strasbourg 1994
312 p
ISBN 9287124965
*Provides frequently descriptions in English of the French source terms.*

**WORD: UK → ES**
Cabanellas de las Cuevas, G. & Hoague, E.C.
Butterworths Spanish/English legal dictionary
Vol 1: English-Spanish
Austin 1991
669 p
ISBN 0409256676

**WORD: ES → UK**
Cabanellas de las Cuevas, G. & Hoague, E.C.
Butterworths Spanish/English legal dictionary
Vol 2: Spanish-English
Austin 1991
690 p
ISBN 0409256684

**WORD: ES ↔ FR**
Cammisa, D.M. et al.
Diccionario bilingüe de terminología jurídica
español-francés/francés-español
Buenos Aires 1996
526 p
ISBN 950200924x
*Word list using the Argentinean legal terminology for the Spanish translations.*

**WORD: ES, FR, UK**
Cano Rico, J.R.
Diccionario de derecho
Español-Inglés-Francés
Madrid 1994
423 p
ISBN 8430924167
*Word list. The lists of the English and French entry terms is obviously made by inversion of the translation suggestions of the original Spanish entry terms.*

**WORD: DE, FR, NL, UK**
Capelle, M.A.A. van & Punt, H.G.
Velder internationale vaktermenlijst voor juristen, fiscalisten, accountants, bankwezen, handel en industrie
2e bijgew. druk
Amsterdam 1991
607 p
ISBN 9073867029

*Word list. The lists of the English, French and German entry terms is obviously made by inversion of the translation suggestions of the original Dutch entry terms.*

**WORD/EXPL: UK→FR**
Chaudesaigues-Deysine, A.E. & Dreuilhe, A.E.
Dictionnaire anglais-français et lexique français-anglais des termes politiques, juridiques et économiques
Paris 1978
354 p
ISBN 208200662x

*Word list with inter alia some legal terms. Contains antonymes and references to alternative entries.*

**WORD: PT↔UK**
Chaves de Mello, M.
Dicionário jurídico
Português-Inglês-Português
7.a edição
Rio de Janeiro 1998
522 p
ISBN 8585772085

*Dictionary obviously for the American market. The Portuguese explanation of English terms is considerably more detailed than the English explanation of Portuguese terms.*

**WORD: UK↔SK**
Chorvátová, I. & Mokráň, P.
Dictionary of law
Slovak-English/English-Slovak
Bratislava [1997]
789 p
ISBN 8088861012

**WORD: CZ↔UK**
Chromá, M.
Česko anglický právnický slovník s vysvětlivkami
second - corrected and updated edition
Praha 2003
481 p
ISBN 8073350211

**WORD: UK↔SE**
Collin, P.H. et al.
English law dictionary
engelsk-svensk-engelsk
Stockholm 1989
340 p + supplement
ISBN 917113008x
ISBN 0948549157 reprint 1990
Word list with an index Swedish/English; several English entry terms are explained in English. This book can be qualified as a combination of a mono-lingual legal dictionary, combined with a list of translation suggestions in the Swedish target language.

WORD/EXPL: UK→DE
Collin, P.H. et al.
PONS-Fachwörterbuch Recht
Englisch-Deutsch/Deutsch-Englisch
Stuttgart 1998
2. neubearb. Auflage
471 p + Anhang
ISBN 3125179513
Word list with an index German/English. An Annex provides the text of some English forms.

EXPL: ES↔UK
Collin, P.H. et al.
Spanish law dictionary
Spanish-English/English-Spanish
Teddington 1999
594 p
ISBN 1901659097
Occasionally, comments are included ‘to clarify entries that relate to specific legal terms […] and which have no equivalent in the other language.’

WORD: UK→FR
Conseil de l'Europe. Bureau de la Terminologie
Lexique Anglais-Français (principalement juridique)
Strasbourg 1993
463 p
ISBN 9287123136

WORD: IT→AT,DE
Conte, G. & Boss, H.
Wörterbuch der Rechts- und Wirtschaftssprache
Vol 1: Italienisch-Deutsch
5. neubearb. und erw. Auflage
München 2001
530 p
ISBN 3406477747

WORD: AT,DE→IT
Conte, G. & Boss, H.
Wörterbuch der Rechts- und Wirtschaftssprache
Vol 2: Deutsch-Italienisch
6. neubearb. und erw. Auflage
München 2003
680 p
ISBN 3406480594

EXPL/COMP: BE,FR↔UK
Dictionary mainly, but not exclusively for the American market. Gives references to statutory provisions and legal literature. The depth of the information varies considerably from term to term. See the very positive review in: the International Lawyer 1997, p. 1135-1139; written by M.G. Monroy, member of the bar of Columbia.

**EXPL/COMP: ES↔UK**
Dahl, H.S.
Dahl's law dictionary
Spanish-English/English-Spanish
third edition
Buffalo N.Y. 1999
XLI+913 p
ISBN 1575884968

**WORD : UK↔EL**
[Delicostopoulos, A.J.] Δεληκωτσοπουλου, Α.Ι.
Λεξικο αγγλοεγγηνικο και ελληνοαγγλικο νομικων οικονομικων εμπορικων και διοικητικων ορων [An English-Greek and Greek-English dictionary of law economic business and management terms]
third edition
Athens [Αθηνα] 1995
245 p
ISBN -

**EXPL/COMP: UK→DE**
Dietl, C.-E. et al.
Wörterbuch für Recht, Wirtschaft und Politik mit erläuternden und rechtsvergleichenden Kommentaren
Vol 1: Englisch-Deutsch einschließlich der Besonderheiten des amerikanischen Sprachgebrauchs
6. völlig neu bearb. und erw. Auflage
München 2000
LXIII+942 p
ISBN 3406441122

English entry terms are frequently explained in German. A distinction is made between English and American legal terminology. At the end of the book ‘endnotes’ refer to statutory
provisions and treaties. See the very positive review by G. Otto, Das Standesamt 1986, p. 261-262.

**EXPL/COMP: DE→UK**
Dietl, C.-E. et al.
Wörterbuch für Recht, Wirtschaft und Politik mit Kommentaren in deutscher und englischer Sprache
Vol 2: Deutsch-Englisch einschließlich der Besonderheiten des amerikanischen Sprachgebrauchs
4. völlig neubearb. und erw. Auflage
München 1992
XXII+849 p
ISBN 3406366546
*German entry terms are frequently explained in English. A distinction is made between English and American legal terminology. At the end of the book ‘endnotes’ refer to statutory provisions and treaties. See the very positive review by G. Otto, Das Standesamt 1986, p. 261-262.*

**WORD: BE, DE, FR, IE, NL, UK**
Docte, E. le
Viertalig juridisch woordenboek
5e bew. en verm. druk
Antwerpen 1995
860 p
ISBN 9062154808
*Provides in an annex surveys of the judicial organisation in the countries involved.*

**WORD: BE, DE, ES, FR, IE, UK**
Docte, E. le
Viertalig juridisch woordenboek
2e bew. en verm. druk
Antwerpen 1995
854 p
ISBN 9062154816
*Provides in an annex surveys of the judicial organisation in the countries involved.*

**WORD: BE, FR←UK**
Doucet, M.
Legal and economic dictionary
French-English/English-French
Paris 1979
XI+769 p
ISBN 2856080111
*Remarkably, the translation suggestions are often inspired by the Canadian legal systems.*

**WORD: BE, FR→AT, DE**
Doucet, M. & Fleck, K.E.W
Wörterbuch der Rechts- und Wirtschaftssprache
Vol 1: Französisch-Deutsch
5. neubearb. Auflage
München 1997
XXII+820 p
ISBN 3406417132
WORD: AT,DE→BE,FR
Doucet, M. & Fleck, K.E.W
Wörterbuch der Rechts- und Wirtschaftssprache
Vol 2: Deutsch-Französisch
6. überarb. und erw. Auflage
München 2002
XVII+988 p
ISBN 3406480586

WORD: BE,FR↔DE
Dumey, R. & Plasa, W.
Dictionnaire juridique
français-allemand
edition revue et augmentée
Paris 1982
850 p
ISBN 2713300037

WORD: UK↔PT
Durval de Noronha, G.
Dicionário Jurídico Noronha
Inglês-Português/Português-Inglês
2.a edição
Sao Paulo 1994
XXXIV+551 p
ISBN 8585548045
Contains in particular terms from the American, respectively Brazilian jurisdictions.

WORD: UK↔DE,ES,FR
Egbert, L.D. & Morales-Macedo, F.
Multilingual law dictionary
English-Français-Español-Deutsch
Alphen aan den Rijn 1978
XXII+551 p
ISBN 9028602674
Contains in an appendix a short list with English terms explained in English for ‘translators without legal training’.

WORD: FR↔DE
Ellenberger, H. & Froschauer, B.
Grundwortschatz der Rechtssprache
Deutsch-Französisch/Französisch-Deutsch
Neuwied 2002
388 p
ISBN 3472038268
This dictionary is divided according to specific fields of the law, which gives to the terms a certain context.
Gives many short sentences to illustrate the context of the terms. Contains in an annex a couple of pages with translations of standard sentences from statutes and bills.

The approach of this dictionary is unusual. The entry terms in English are defined in English and in respect of these terms references are given to the mostly American legal literature and American case law. At the other side, the translation suggestions are not motivated at all.

The content is in principle the same as that of the two volumes of Epstein (1985), but an Italian index is added. Remarkable is that the price of this edition is about one quarter of the two volumes edition.

Refers often to the field of law in which a certain term is used.
WORD: SK→DE
Fillová, D.
Slovensko-nemecký nemecko-slovenský slovník právnických výrazov
Bratislava 1998
183 p
ISBN 8088778069

WORD: DE→FR
Fleck, K.E.W.
Wörterbuch Recht
Französisch-Deutsch/Deutsch-Französisch
Beck 2004
XIII+600 p
ISBN 340649109x
(Préface:) « Ce ‘Dictionnaire juridique français-allemand et allemand-français’ en un volume est le petit frère du DOUCET-FLECK, existant depuis 1960. (...) Ont seulement été supprimés les termes généraux n’ayant pas un rapport étroit avec le vocabulaire juridique au sens strict du terme. Ainsi la lisibilité est accrue, mais rien d’essentiel n’a disparu »

WORD: DE→UK
Flory, P. & Froschauer, B.
Grundwortschatz der Rechtssprache
Deutsch-Englisch, Englisch-Deutsch
2. überarb. und erw. Auflage
Neuwied 1995
XIV+258 p
ISBN 347202335x
Word list with incidentally a short explanation of the entry term. This dictionary is divided according to specific fields of the law, which gives to the terms a certain context. However, this approach makes it difficult to find terms if one does not know the relevant field of law.

WORD/EXPL: NL→UK
Foster, T.
Dutch legal terminology in English
Second revised and updated edition
Leiden 2003
XI+153 p
ISBN 9074372244
According to the introduction (p XI) not a legal dictionary. The Dutch index refers to translation suggestions given in an English context on the law of the Netherlands, where legal terms of the Netherlands are explained in English. Incidentally it is indicated, that a certain English term is a neologism.

COMP: UK→IT
Franchis, F. de
Dizionario giuridico

COMP: IT→UK
Franchis, F. de
Dizionario giuridico
Vol 2: Italiano-Inglese
Milano 1996
1467 p
ISBN 8814050015
Contains positive reviews of volume 1: p. 33-40. This volume is certainly less elaborated than the first volume. Contains an extensive bibliography. The information in the introductory part is, however, of limited importance and does not provide for a systematic introduction in the Italian legal system or the common law. Reviewed by F. Marrella, Revue internationale de droit comparé 1996, p. 964-965.

EXPL/COMP: DE↔ES
Garay y Chamizo, C. & Rothe, M.
Rechtswörterbuch mit Erläuterungen
Spanisch-Deutsch/Deutsch-Spanisch
2. neubearb. und erw. Auflage
Neuwied 2003
XXIV+1041 p
ISBN 3472040610
Refers frequently to statutory provisions, both for the entry terms and for the translation suggestions, but regrettably this does not happen consequently. Contains a long comparative chapter on the judicial organisation in Germany and Spain.

WORD: IT→PL
Grelewicz-La Mela, M. & Nuzzo, B.
Słownik prawniczy włosko-polski
Warszawa 2003
XI+468 p
ISBN 8372840075

EXPL: DK→DE
Gubba, W.
Dansk-tysk juridisk ordbog
3. udgave
København 1993
590 p
ISBN 8712024066
An elaborated introduction in German written by Jan Engberg describes the characteristics of and the differences between the German and Danish legal systems. Contains sentences but references to legal sources are lacking.
An elaborated introduction in German written by Jan Engberg describes the characteristics of and the differences between the German and Danish legal systems. Contains sentences but references to legal sources are lacking.

Despite the subtitle only incidentally some short explanations of terms are provided, e.g. ‘le Conseil d’État’ as ‘Frankrikes högsta förvaltningsdomstol, som även har vissa konsultativa funktioner, t ex granskning av lagförslag’.

Some entries are briefly explained. Contains a short description of the main characteristics of the Spanish and Danish legal systems.
Herbst, R. & Readett, A.G.
Wörterbuch der Handels-, Finanz- und Rechtssprache
Vol 3: Französisch-Englisch-Deutsch
3. neu bearb. und ergänzte Auflage
Thun 2003
909 p
ISBN 3859420259

COMP: NL→FR
Hesseling, G.
Juridisch woordenboek (Nederlands-Frans, met woordenlijst Frans-Nederlands) privaatrecht
Antwerpen 1978
XXII+513 p
ISBN 9062150020
Entry terms and translation suggestions are illustrated with quotations, the sources of most
of which are given. It can also be used by Belgian users. The dictionary is good, but
somewhat outdated, because important alterations have been made to the French and
epecially the Dutch private law since the completion of this work.
Positive reviews in Verzekerings-Archief 1978, p. 161-162; and in:

EXPL: BE, DE, DK, FR, IE, UK
Hjelmblink, S.
Retsplejeordbog
København 1991
463 p
ISBN 8716066464
This dictionary restricts itself to terminology in the field of procedural law and judicial
organisation. In respect of the French and German entries, references to statutory
provisions and legal literature are frequently provided. The book contains several
conceptual trees of English, French and German legal terms. The book contains surveys of
the judicial organisation in the countries involved. The translation suggestions in Danish do
not contain references to statutes or legal literature.

WORD: UK→BE, DE, ES, FR, NL
Hoof, D.C. van; et al.
Elsevier’s legal dictionary
in English, German, French, Dutch and Spanish
Amsterdam etc. 2001
1420 p
ISBN 0444817859
Extremely expensive word list (price € 228.48) with English as source language and
separate indices for the different target languages.

WORD: UK↔BE, FR
Ingleton, R.D.
Elsevier's dictionary of police and criminal law
English-French and French-English
Amsterdam 1992
592 p
ISBN 0444891021
Word list with incidentally some explanations, more often in English than in French.
COMP: DE→FR
Internationales Institut für Rechts- und Verwaltungssprache
* Zivilprozeß
Deutsch-Französisch
Köln 1982
108 p
ISBN 3452192687
* Strafprozeß
Deutsch-Französisch
Köln 1985
150 p
ISBN 3452203239
* Verwaltungsrecht und Verwaltungsprozeßrecht
Deutsch-Französisch
Köln 1985
107 p
ISBN 3452206920
* Das Recht des öffentlichen Dienstes
Deutsch-Französisch
Köln 1987
209 p
ISBN 345220782X
* Ausländer- und Niederlassungsrecht
Deutsch-Französisch
Köln 1990
159 p
ISBN 3452215784
The dictionary is divided systematically with the terms being given a central place. The book contains gradations of equivalence and references to statutory provisions. ‘Ein Musterbeispiel für ein gelungenes Zusammenspiel von Rechtsvergleichung und Terminologievergleich’, according to R. Arntz (Rechtsvergleichung und Kontrastive Terminologiearbeit, in: P. Sandrini, Übersetzen von Rechtstexten, Tübingen 1999 (p. 185-201) p. 188).
‘Regretfully, the dictionaries cover only a small number of terms (...). On the other hand, the methods of conceptual analysis used therein can serve as a model for others’; cf. S. Šarčević, New Approach to Legal Translation, The Hague 1997, p. 237.

WORD: UK→PL
Jaślan, J. & Jaślan, H.
Słownik terminologii prawniczej i ekonomicznej angielsko-polski
6th edition
Warszawa 2001
724 p
ISBN 8321410243

WORD: PT→AT,DE
Jayme, E. et al.
Wörterbuch der Rechts- und Wirtschaftssprache
Vol 1: Portugiesisch-Deutsch
München 1994
XII+489 p
ISBN 3406339786
WORD: AT, DE→PT
Jayme, E. et al.
Wörterbuch der Rechts- und Wirtschaftssprache
Vol 2: Deutsch-Portugiesisch
München 1990
L+541 p
ISBN 3406339794
According to M. Nunes (Lebende Sprachen 1993, p. 36-38), the comprehensive list of abbreviations has more defects than the other translation suggestions.

WORD: FI→UK
Joutsen, M.
Lakikielen sanakirja suomi-englanti
Finnish-English Law Dictionary
3rd expanded and updated edition
Helsinki 2000
502 p
ISBN 9510239321

WORD/EXPL: UK→FR
Kahn-Paycha, D.
Lexique d’anglais juridique
Paris 1993
190 p
ISBN 272989327x
Some terms of the English legal system are bilingually explained. On several places attention is given to the risk of a ‘faux ami’. Incidentally, references to statutes are provided.

EXPL/COMP: DE→EL
[Kaisis, A.G.] Καεσης, ΑΘΓ.
Γερµανοελληνικο λεξικο νοµικης ορολογιας [Deutsch-Griechisches Rechtswörterbuch]
Vol 1: A-K
Θεσσαλονικη 1995
XXV+1038 p
ISBN 9603011959
Vol 2: L-Z
Αϑηνα − Θεσσαλονικη 2002
XXV+1333 p
ISBN 9603016306
The comments to the entry terms often contain references to German codes and the translation suggestions occasionally refer to Greek laws. Sporadically references are made to handbooks. The dictionary contains a very extensive list of literature in the German and Greek languages respectively, although the compilation of the lists is rather arbitrary.

WORD: UK→ES
Kaplan, S.M.
Wiley’s English-Spanish, Spanish-English Legal Dictionary
second edition
New York 1997

COMP: FR→DE
Kaufmann, O.
Wörterbuch Arbeits- und Sozialrecht
Französisch-Deutsch/Deutsch-Französisch
München 2004
VII+261 p
ISBN 3406479189

WORD: FR→DE
Kettler, S.
Lexique de l’allemand juridique
Français-Allemand/Allemand-Français
Paris 2002
152+XXXVII p
ISBN 2729809503
Contains a long list of abbreviations and geographical words.

WORD: DE→PL
Kienzler, I.
Słownik prawniczo-handlowy
niemiecko-polski
Warszawa 2000
551 p
ISBN: 8372500126

WORD/EXPL: PL→DE
Kilian, A. & Hanckel, G.
Wörterbuch der Rechts- und Wirtschaftssprache
Vol 1: Polnisch-Deutsch
München 2000
XIII+465 p
ISBN 3406399185
The entry terms are incidentally provided with references to the statutory provisions using or defining these terms.

WORD/EXPL: DE→PL
Kilian, A. & Hanckel, G.
Wörterbuch der Rechts- und Wirtschaftssprache
Vol 2: Deutsch-polnisch
München 1996
753 p
ISBN 3406399193
The entry terms are incidentally provided with references to the statutory provisions using or defining these terms.
WORD: DE↔UK
Köbler, G. & Schusterschitz, G.
Rechtsenglisch
deutsch-englisches und englisch-deutsches Rechtswörterbuch für jedermann
4. überarb. Auflage
München 2000
XXXV+402 p
ISBN 3800625520
Contains a rather short introduction to the main features of the English legal system. Refers for the background and explanation of the German entries to Köbler, Juristisches Wörterbuch, 8th edition 1997.

WORD: DE↔FI
Köbler, G. & Väänäen, M.
Rechtsfinnisch
deutsch-finnisches und finnisch-deutsches Rechtswörterbuch für jedermann
Giessen 2004
XXI+312 p
ISBN 3884301012
Contains a rather short introduction to the main features of the Finnish legal system. Refers for the background and explanation of the German entries to Köbler, Juristisches Wörterbuch, 8th edition 1997.

WORD: DE↔FR
Köbler, G. & Winkler, P.
Rechtsfranzösisch
deutsch-französisches und französisch-deutsches Rechtswörterbuch für jedermann
4. überarb. Auflage
München 2004
XXVII+358 p
ISBN 3800630680
Contains a rather short introduction to the main features of the French legal system. Refers for the background and explanation of the German entries to Köbler, Juristisches Wörterbuch, 8th edition 1997.

WORD: DE↔IT
Köbler, G. et al.
Rechtsitalienisch
deutsch-italienisches und italienisch-deutsches Rechtswörterbuch für jedermann
2. überarb. Auflage
München 2004
XXXII+427 p
ISBN 3800630249
Contains a rather short introduction to the main features of the Italian legal system. Refers for the background and explanation of the German entries to Köbler, Juristisches Wörterbuch, 8th edition 1997.

WORD: DE↔PL
Köbler, G. & Sobiecka, K.
Rechtspolnisch
deutsh-polnisches und polnisch-deutsches Rechtswörterbuch für jedermann
Muenchen 2001
XIX+305 p
ISBN 3800627205
Contains a rather short introduction to the main features of the Polish legal system. Refers for the background and explanation of the German entries to Köbler, Juristisches Wörterbuch, 8th edition 1997.

WORD: DE↔ES
Köbler, G. & Hohenauer, M.
Rechtsspanisch
deutsh-spanisches und spanisch-deutsches Rechtswörterbuch für jedermann
2. überarb. Auflage
München 2003
XX+328 p
ISBN 3800629577
Contains a rather short introduction to the main features of the Spanish legal system. Refers for the background and explanation of the German entries to Köbler, Juristisches Wörterbuch, 8th edition 1997.

WORD: DE↔CZ
Köbler, G. et al.
Rechtstschechisch
deutsh-tschechisches und tschechisch-deutsches Rechtswörterbuch für jedermann
München 2003
XXI+324 p
ISBN 3800628732
Contains a rather short introduction to the main features of the Czech legal system. Refers for the background and explanation of the German entries to Köbler, Juristisches Wörterbuch, 8th edition 1997.

WORD: DE↔HU
Köbler, G. et al.
Rechtsungarisch
deutsh-ungarisches und ungarisches-deutsches Rechtswörterbuch für jedermann
Giessen 2004
XXIV+321 p
ISBN 3884301020
Contains a rather short introduction to the main features of the Hungarian legal system. Refers for the background and explanation of the German entries to Köbler, Juristisches Wörterbuch, 8th edition 1997.

WORD: DE↔HU
Köhegyes, A. (compiler)
Magyar-német-magyar jogi szakszótár
Budapest 2003
480 p
ISBN 9632247132
WORD: SK↔DE
Krenčeyová, A. & Krenčey, I.
Prekladateľ'ský slovník právo ekonomika
Bratislava 2002
1000 p
ISBN 8088861020

WORD: UK↔ES
Lacasa Navarro, R. et al.
Diccionario de derecho, economía y política
Inglés-Español/Español-Inglés
2.a edición
Madrid 1986
763 p
ISBN 847130306x

WORD: NL→DE
Langendorf, H. & Stein, P.A.
Wörterbuch der deutschen und niederländischen Rechtssprache
Vol 1: Niederländisch-Deutsch
München 1976
365 p
ISBN 3406066720


WORD: FR↔IT
Lebertre, S. & Mauro, C.
Dictionnaire juridique
Français-italien/Italiano-Francese
Paris 2001
XX+497 p
ISBN 2275017968

Contains surveys of the judicial organisation in France and Italy. Reviewed by C. Jarrosson, Revue internationale de droit comparé 2002, p. 885.

EXPL/COMP: FR→DE,UK
Lerat, P. & Sourioux, J.-L.
Dictionnaire juridique. Terminologie du contrat avec des équivalents en anglais et en allemand
Paris 1994
239 p
ISBN 2853192571

The structure of this dictionary is explained in the introduction. The definition of the entry terms is given in the source language. References are occasionally made to statutory provisions, frequently to other dictionaries and legal databases such as Eurodicautom. The mention of other dictionaries as sources of translation suggestions is to the credit of the intellectual honesty of the authors. The verifiability of the translation suggestions is complicated.

WORD: DE,FR,UK
Lindbergh, E.
International Law Dictionary
Deventer 1993
VIII+439 p
ISBN 9065446974

Dangerous: the book contains inverted glossaries.

**WORD: DE, FR, UK**

Lindbergh, E.
Internationales Rechtswörterbuch
Neuwied 1993
VIII+439 p
ISBN 3472015551

In spite of the different title identical with Lindbergh’s ‘International Law Dictionary’.

**WORD: DE, FR, SE, UK**

Lindberg, E.
Fyrspråkig juridisk ordbok
Stockholm 1995
622 p
ISBN 9171990267

Adds unsubstantiated Swedish translation suggestions to the previous editions: Lindbergh (1993).

**WORD: DE → UK**

Lister, R. & Veth, K.
Taschenwörterbuch Recht Deutsch-Englisch
Ismaning 2002
250 p
ISBN: 3190062773

**WORD: UK → DE**

Lister, R. & Veth, K.
Taschenwörterbuch Recht Englisch-Deutsch
Ismaning 2002
272 p
ISBN 3190062781

**WORD: SK → UK**

Longyka, T.
Slovensko-angleški pravni slovar
Ljubljana 2001
392 p
ISBN 961236124x

**WORD: PL → UK**

Łozińska-Małkiewicz, E. & Małkiewicz, J.
Polsko angielski słownik terminologii prawniczej
2. wyd
Toruń 1998
589 p
ISBN 8390373157
Sometimes, a short explanation is given in order to facilitate the user to make a choice between some translation possibilities.

WORD: UK→IT
Mastellone, L.
Legal and commercial dictionary
English-Italian
Sydney 1980
IX+173 p
ISBN 0409300217

WORD: UK→ES
Melij de Romero, G.
Vocabulario legal y empresario
(legal and business terms)
Buenos Aires 1987
IX+345 p
ISBN 9501403742

EXPL: FR↔ES
Merlin Walch, O.
Dictionnaire juridique
français-espagnol/espagnol-françés
4e édition
Paris 1998
XVIII+1150 p
ISBN 2275016805
Contains elaborate sample sentences, but unfortunately does not mention any sources. The book contains maps outlining the judicial organisation (=Annexe: p. MI-MXX).
Reviewed by G.R. de Groot & L. Rayar, European Review of Private Law, 3 (1995) p. 523-533. They conclude (p. 532-533) that the volume fails to give an indication as to the degree of equivalence of terms and does not state whether a suggested translation is a neologism. They have also missed (bibliographic) references as to legal system, area of law and relevant articles or Codes. The volume offers mainly unsubstantiated translation suggestions.

WORD: UK↔ES
Muñiz Castro, E.-G. et al.
Diccionario terminológico de derecho
Inglés-Español/Español-Inglés
Madrid 1992
613 p
ISBN 8476951086
Sloppy and incorrect is ‘subjetive law’ (instead of ‘subjective right’) as an equivalent for ‘Derecho subjetivo’ in two places (p. 271 and p. 410).

WORD: DE↔CZ
Munková, J. et al
Odborné německo-české právnické názvosloví
Praha 1998
VI+200 p
ISBN 8071791792

WORD: DE↔ES
Naudi, A.A. & Cascante, C.
Grundwortschatz der Rechtssprache
Deutsch-Spanisch/Spanisch-Deutsch
Neuwied 2003
XIII + 206 p
ISBN 3472037652
Word list with sometimes a short explanation. The (German) explanation is mainly given for the Spanish terms. The limited number of terms has been specifically selected for German as source language and target language, respectively. The word list is divided according to specific field of the law, which gives to the terms a certain context.
WORD/EXPL: UK→DK
Nielsen, S.
Engelsk-dansk juridisk basisordbog
København 1993
123 p
ISBN 8716111664
Gives descriptions in the Danish language of the English entry terms, but lacks references to statutes, cases or legal literature. Gives a brief survey of the judicial organisation in England and Denmark.

WORD: CZ→IT
Nováková, M.
Česko-italský právnický slovník
Praha 2001
141 p
ISBN: 807201255x

COMP: NL→ES
Oosterveld-Egas Repáraz, M.C. et al.
Juridisch woordenboek Nederlands-Spaans, met register
Spaans-Nederlands
Apeldoorn 1990
XXXI+371 p
ISBN 9062152716
Excellent and exemplary dictionary, which combines translation and explanation, context and references to sources. The translation suggestions Dutch-Spanish are certainly scientifically sound. See the review full of praise by G.R. de Groot ’Een nieuw tweetalig juridisch woordenboek’ (De Juridische Bibliothecaris 1990, p. 21-27; also published in: Van taal tot taal 1991, p. 3-14). See also G.R. de Groot, Sobre la traducción de la terminología jurídica y un nuevo diccionario bilingüe, Revista española de derecho internacional 1993, p. 585-593.

WORD: PL→UK
Ożga, E.
Słownik terminologii prawniczej
Vol 1: polsko-angielska
second edition
Bydgoszcz 1997
518 p

WORD: UK→PL
Ożga, E.
Słownik terminologii prawniczej
Vol 2: angielska-polsko
second edition
Bydgoszcz 1998
660 p

EXPL: DK→UK
Pals Frandsen, H.
Juridisk ordbog
dansk-engelsk
København 1996
XI+207 p
ISBN 8712020257

For most of the terms an indication is given of the field of the law in which the term is used.

EXPL: UK→DK
Pals Frandsen, H.
Juridisk ordbog
ingelsk-dansk
2. udgave
København 1996
XI+216 p
ISBN 8712029955

For most of the terms an indication is given of the field of the law in which the term is used.

WORD: SE↔DE
Parsenow, G.
Fachwörterbuch für Recht und Wirtschaft
Schwedisch-Deutsch/Deutsch-Schwedisch
2. neubearb. und erw. Auflage
Köln 1985
XVI+500 p
ISBN 3452200531

According to K. Rossenbeck (Lexicographica 1989, p. 227-240), this book should never have been printed and should be destroyed as waste paper as quickly as possibly. Often the author’s own fabrications are passed off as professional terms and the inversion of the entry terms is naive.

WORD: PL↔UK
Pieńkos, J.
Polsko-angielski słownik prawniczy
Kraków 2002
493 p
ISBN 8373330526

WORD: PL↔FR
Pieńkos, J.
Polsko-francuski słownik prawniczy
Kraków 2003
257 p
ISBN 8373330631

WORD: PL↔DE
Pieńkos, J.
Polsko-niemiecki słownik prawniczy
Kraków 2002
304 p
ISBN 8373330534

WORD: DE↔FR
Potonnier, G.E. & Potonnier, B.
Wörterbuch für Wirtschaft, Recht und Handel
Vol 1: Deutsch-Französisch
3. völlig neu bearb. und erw. Auflage
Wiesbaden 1997
XVII+1685 p
ISBN 3870971673
*Word list with very few references to statutory provisions. The third edition has a stronger comparative law perspective than the second edition, according to R. Arntz et al., Einführung in die Terminologiearbeit, 4., gründlich überarb. Auflage, Hildesheim 2002, p. 208-209.*

**WORD: FR→DE**
Potonnier, G.E. & Potonnier, B.
Wörterbuch für Wirtschaft, Recht und Handel
Vol 2: Französisch-Deutsch
2. völlig neu bearb. und erw. Auflage
Wiesbaden 1990
XVIII+1678 p
ISBN 3870971126
*Word list with very few references to statutory provisions. Reviewed by: G. Barthel, Romanische Forschungen 1990, p. 454.*

**WORD: ES↔UK**
Robb, L.A.
Dictionary of legal terms
Spanish-English/English-Spanish
30. reimpresión
México 2004
X+228 p
ISBN 9681803841
*Primarily for Latin American countries.*

**WORD: IT→DE**
Roggendorff, D.S.M.
Termini giuridici
Die wichtigsten Fachausdrücke des italienischen Rechts
Passau 2002
72 p
ISBN 3980505723

**WORD/EXPL: UK→DE**
Romain, A. & Bader, H.A.
Wörterbuch der Rechts- und Wirtschaftsprache
Vol 1: Englisch-Deutsch
5. neubearb. Auflage
München 2000
VIII+898 p
ISBN 3406454070

**WORD/EXPL: AT,DE→UK**
Romain, A. et al.
Wörterbuch der Rechts- und Wirtschaftsprache
Vol 2: Deutsch-Englisch
4. neubearb. Auflage
München 2002
986 p
ISBN 3406480683
Word list with sporadic fragments of sentences.

WORD/EXPL: UK→AT,DE
Salzites, H.-J.
Lexikon der englischen Wirtschafts- und Rechtssprache
Vol 1: Englisch-Deutsch
München 1994
X+370 p
ISBN 3486227106
With a list of abbreviations. The book has an unbalanced distribution of references to sources.

WORD/EXPL: AT,DE→UK
Salzites, H.-J.
Lexikon der englischen Wirtschafts- und Rechtssprache
Vol 2: Deutsch-Englisch
München 1994
X+407 p
ISBN 3486227157
With a list of abbreviations. The book has an unbalanced distribution of references to sources.

WORD: DE→NL
Scheer, M.K. & Rüter-Ehlermann, A.L.
Wörterbuch der deutschen und niederländischen Rechtssprache
Vol 2: Deutsch-Niederländisch
München 1989
426 p
ISBN 3406066739

WORD: ES→DE
Schlüter, B. & Schalk, S.
Términos jurídicos
Die wichtigsten Fachausdrücke des spanischen Rechts
Passau 2001
98 p
ISBN 3000083340

WORD: DE→PT
Silveira Ramos, F.
Dicionário Jurídico alemão-português
Coimbra 1995
527 p
ISBN 9724008282
WORD: **DE→PL**
Skibicki, W.
Słownik terminologii prawniczej i ekonomicznej niemiecko-polski
Wyd. 5
Warszawa 2000
523 p
ISBN 8321409830

EXPL: **ES↔UK**
Solís, G. et al.
West's Spanish-English, English-Spanish Law Dictionary
St. Paul, Minn. 1992
IX+747 p
ISBN 0314008462
*Word list with short definitions.*

WORD: **UK→FI**
Soukka, P.
English-Finnish law dictionary
Helsinki 1976
XI+274 p
ISBN 951906849x

WORD: **DE→PT**
Sousa, A.F. de
Dicionário jurídico, político e económico
Vol 1: Alemão-português
Lisboa 1994
1233 p
ISBN 9728072279

WORD: **ES→SE**
Svahnström, S.B.
Spansk-svensk juridisk och ekonomisk ordbok
Stockholm 1997
232 p
ISBN 9139002578

WORD: **IT→CZ**
Tomaščínová, J. & Damohorský, M.
Italsko-český právnický slovník
Praha 1999
116 p
ISBN 8085927659

WORD: **IT↔BE,FR**
Tortora, G.
Dizionario giuridico italiano-francese/francese-italiano
3 edizione
Milano 1994
XVIII+867 p
ISBN 8814045755
Translations, e.g. ‘tribunale’, have been partially inverted. This is a bad word list.
In the Italian/English part, incidentally references to legislative provisions have been made at the end of each list of entrance terms, each list being alphabetically ordered (starting with particular characters). This precludes an easy access to this information.

WORD: DE→FR
Toulouse, C.
Dictionnaire commerce, droit et vie sociale
allemand-français/français-allemand
Paris 1994
VI+454 p
ISBN 3928952072

WORD/EXPL: UK→CZ
Trade Links (compiler)
English-Czech dictionary of Czech business law and economy
Prague 1997
314 p
ISBN –
This dictionary has a remarkable structure. With the help of approximately 200 terms information is given, in both the English and Czech languages, on the Czech legal system. In an annex the book contains an English-Czech and a Czech-English word list.

WORD: UK→EL
Tragakis, G. [Τραγακής Γ] et al.
An English-Greek and Greek-English dictionary of law terms [Αγγλοελληνικο & Ελληνοαγγλικο λεξικο νοµικων ορων]
Athens [Αθηνα] 1986
476 p
ISBN –

WORD: AT,DE→IT
Troike Strambaci, H. & Helffrich Mariani, E.
Wörterbuch für Recht und Wirtschaft
Vol 1: Deutsch-Italienisch
seconda edizione
Milano 1997
X+1538 p
ISBN 8814044953
Comprehensive word list with an elaborate list of abbreviations.

WORD: IT→AT,DE
Troike Strambaci, H. & Helffrich Mariani, E.
Wörterbuch für Recht und Wirtschaft
Vol 2: Italienisch-Deutsch
seconda edizione
Milano 1999
XIII+1385 p
ISBN 8814061750
Comprehensive word list with an elaborate list of abbreviations. Many translation suggestions are given for each entry term, but no explanation is provided to help make a soundly based choice between the translation options offered.

**EXPL: ES, FR, UK**
United Nations Office at Geneva. Languages service
Law terminology in English, French and Spanish
Geneva 1990
Word list which refers regularly, but not systematically, to statutory provisions that are taken from a large number of legal systems. The dictionary is incomplete and too broad which makes it less suitable for translations that are limited to two legal systems.

**WORD: FR→NL**
Velden, F.J.A. van der
Beknopt juridisch woordenboek
Frans-Nederlands
Deventer 1977
VIII+140 p
ISBN 9026809751
Partly outdated.

**WORD: FR→DE**
Villar, C.
Glossaire juridique français-allemand
Bordeaux 1997
124 p
ISBN 2904825797

**EXPL: ES→UK**
Th. L. West III
Spanish-English dictionary of law and business
Atlanta 1999
319 p
ISBN: 1883707374
Occasionally indicates to which legal system the Spanish entry term relates. Frequently, translation suggestions are illustrated.

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