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After reading carefully the Green Book on the Public Sector Information in the Information Society, we would like to make the following remarks:

In this document, only private corporations and individuals are regarded as potential clients of the Administration, regardless that, considering how many different administrations currently exist within the Administration, the Administration itself becomes a demanding-information client. In these cases, it might be advisable to explicitly establish what paths should be followed, what costs might arise, etc...

With reference to the creation of European Agencies to centralise and classify the information existing within the various European Union Member States, it should be taken into account that all criteria unification processes encounter an information barrier due to the many languages and cultures which define the European Union, whereby previous tasks should be undertaken in order to guarantee a terminological balance by way of creating thesauruses, defining concepts and establishing meta-information methods and criteria, to actually and specifically feature the European Union marginal countries (Mediterranean and Northern Europe) and to allow the integration of PECOS.

To avoid differences among data brought forward by the various countries, it is necessary to establish accurate quality criteria which allow to guarantee the information contents available, and which could be accepted by all member countries after consulting their most representative Documentation and Information Centres.

We believe it is essential, with reference to information costs, to delimit what issues should be ruled by rates and what issues should be ruled by public price, because due to the rigidity of the "rate" concept, it must be applied to public participation processes, whereas public price must be applied to other data which have to be gathered or elaborated at the various administrations and which are a consequence of the application of public information as is ruled by Directive 90/313/CEE.

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