**Terms of reference**

The European DDC Users Group (EDUG) - 340 Law Working Group

* exists to improve the 340 Law provision for legal systems in Europe rooted in civil law;
* gives recommendations to the EPC and the Dewey editorial team;
* reports about proposals at EDUG's annual business meeting.

Improvements in DDC 340 should be realistic expansions, relocations, add notes or entries on the basis of existing classes according to the literary warrant in Europe. There could not be created a neutral classification scheme for civil and common law. The aim is to make sure that every European law topic fits somewhere in the DDC 340 classes.

The focus restricted to the European viewpoint, proposals should emphasize:

* Differences between civil and common law within the branches of law and the sources, also within the legal profession.
* Treatment of administrative law.
* Treatment of penal law and criminology.
* Treatment of European Union law.
* Better organization of 343 Military, defense, public property, public finance, tax, commerce (trade), industrial law.
* Better organization of 346 private law.
* Expansions for courts.

For further information about the background to the group, see OCLC's [**Proposal for 340 working group**](http://www.slainte.org.uk/edug/edug340/docs/edug340-proposal.pdf).

**Timetable, working plan, meetings**

* 20 Aug 2007
	+ First meeting of the group at WLIC 2007, Durban, South Africa. An [**informal agenda**](http://www.slainte.org.uk/edug/edug340/docs/EDUG340-WLIC2007-Agenda.pdf) is available. OCLC's [**Proposal for 340 working group**](http://www.slainte.org.uk/edug/edug340/docs/EDUG340-Proposal.pdf) was discussed.
* 9 Apr 2008
	+ Meeting of the group at EDUG's annual business meeting, Frankfurt, Germany. An [**agenda**](http://www.slainte.org.uk/edug/edug340/docs/EDUG340-EDUG2008-Agenda.pdf) is available. A brief report of the meeting is included in the [**minutes of the EDUG annual meeting 2008**](http://www.slainte.org.uk/edug/docs/mins/EDUG_2008_minutes.pdf).
* Nov 2008
	+ The Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee discussed [**selected proposals of EDUG 340**](http://www.slainte.org.uk/edug/edug340/docs/EPC130-20.pdf) at their EPC 130 meeting.
* 12 Aug 2008
	+ Meeting of the group at WLIC 2008, Québec City, Canada.
* 27 Apr 2009
	+ Meeting of the group at EDUG's annual business meeting, Vienna, Austria. A brief [**report of the meeting**](http://www.slainte.org.uk/edug/edug340/docs/EPC131-18.1.pdf) is available.
* 6 Aug 2009
	+ Proposals on EU law, criminal courts and other civil law matters were sent out for review.
* 20 Aug 2009
	+ Meeting of the group at an IFLA WLIC satellite meeting, Florence. A [**report**](http://www.slainte.org.uk/edug/edug340/docs/EDUG340-Florence2009-report.pdf) is available.
* 16-17 Nov 2009
	+ The Working Group chair was invited to discuss EDUG proposals with the EPC members at EPC 132 in Washington, D.C.
* 18 Nov 2009
	+ Meeting with the DDC editors on selected topics. A short [**summary report**](http://www.slainte.org.uk/edug/edug340/docs/EDUG340-EPC132-report.pdf) is available.
* 8 Apr 2010
	+ The EDUG 2009 proposals became [**EPC exhibit 133-17.1**](http://www.slainte.org.uk/edug/edug340/docs/EPC133-17.1.pdf).
* 11 Aug 2010
	+ Meeting of the group at WLIC 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden. A proposal for the [**revision of DDC 346 Private law**](http://www.slainte.org.uk/edug/edug340/docs/EDUG340-346-Rev-01.pdf) will be discussed.

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