

# Package ‘eurlex’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Retrieve Data on European Union Law

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**Description** Access to data on European Union laws and court decisions made easy with pre-defined 'SPARQL' queries and 'GET' requests.

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elx_council_votes	<i>Retrieve Council votes on EU acts</i>
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**Description**

Executes a SPARQL query to the Council's endpoint.

**Usage**

```
elx_council_votes()
```

**Value**

A data frame with Council votes on EU acts.

**Examples**

```
votes <- elx_council_votes()
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elx_curia_list	<i>Scrape list of court cases from Curia</i>
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**Description**

Harvests data from lists of EU court cases from curia.europa.eu. CELEX identifiers are extracted from hyperlinks where available.

**Usage**

```
elx_curia_list(data = c("all", "ecj_old", "ecj_new", "gc_all", "cst_all"))
```

**Arguments**

data	Data to be scraped from four separate lists of cases maintained by Curia, defaults to "all" which contains cases from Court of Justice, General Court and Civil Service Tribunal.
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**Value**

A data frame containing case identifiers and information as character columns.

**Examples**

```
elx_curia_list(data = "cst_all")
```

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elx_fetch_data	<i>Retrieve additional data on EU documents</i>
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**Description**

Wraps `httr::GET` with pre-specified headers to retrieve data.

**Usage**

```
elx_fetch_data(  
  url,  
  type = c("title", "text", "ids"),  
  language_1 = "en",  
  language_2 = "fr",  
  language_3 = "de",  
  include_breaks = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>url</code>	A valid url as character vector of length one based on a resource identifier such as CELEX or Cellar URI.
<code>type</code>	The type of data to be retrieved. When <code>type = "text"</code> , the returned list contains named elements reflecting the source of each text.
<code>language_1</code>	The priority language in which the data will be attempted to be retrieved, in ISO 639 2-char code
<code>language_2</code>	If data not available in <code>'language_1'</code> , try <code>'language_2'</code>
<code>language_3</code>	If data not available in <code>'language_2'</code> , try <code>'language_3'</code>
<code>include_breaks</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> , text includes tags showing where pages (" <code>—pagebreak—</code> ", for pdfs) and documents (" <code>—documentbreak—</code> ") were concatenated

**Value**

A character vector of length one containing the result.

**Examples**

```
elx_fetch_data(url = "http://publications.europa.eu/resource/celex/32014R0001", type = "title")
```

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elx\_label\_eurovoc      *Label EuroVoc concepts*

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### Description

Create a look-up table with labels for EuroVoc concept URIs. Only unique identifiers are returned.

### Usage

```
elx_label_eurovoc(uri_eurovoc = "", alt_labels = FALSE, language = "en")
```

### Arguments

uri_eurovoc	Character vector with valid EuroVoc URIs
alt_labels	If 'TRUE', results include comma-separated alternative labels in addition to the preferred label
language	Language in which to return the labels, in ISO 639 2-char code

### Value

A 'tibble' containing EuroVoc unique concept identifiers and labels.

### Examples

```
elx_label_eurovoc(uri_eurovoc = "http://eurovoc.europa.eu/5760", alt_labels = TRUE, language = "fr")
elx_label_eurovoc(uri_eurovoc = c("http://eurovoc.europa.eu/5760", "http://eurovoc.europa.eu/576"))
```

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elx\_make\_query      *Create SPARQL queries*

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### Description

Generates pre-defined or manual SPARQL queries to retrieve document ids from Cellar. List of available resource types: <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/resource-type> . Note that not all resource types are compatible with the pre-defined query.

### Usage

```
elx_make_query(
  resource_type = c("directive", "regulation", "decision", "recommendation", "intagr",
    "caselaw", "manual", "proposal", "national_impl"),
  manual_type = "",
  include_corrigenda = FALSE,
  include_celex = TRUE,
  include_lbs = FALSE,
```

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include_date = FALSE,
include_date_force = FALSE,
include_date_endvalid = FALSE,
include_date_transpos = FALSE,
include_force = FALSE,
include_eurovoc = FALSE,
include_author = FALSE,
include_citations = FALSE,
order = FALSE,
limit = NULL
)

```

### Arguments

resource_type	Type of resource to be retrieved via SPARQL query
manual_type	Define manually the type of resource to be retrieved
include_corrigena	If 'TRUE', results include corrigenda
include_celex	If 'TRUE', results include CELEX identifier for each resource URI
include_lbs	If 'TRUE', results include legal bases of legislation
include_date	If 'TRUE', results include document date
include_date_force	If 'TRUE', results include date of entry into force
include_date_endvalid	If 'TRUE', results include date of end of validity
include_date_transpos	If 'TRUE', results include date of transposition deadline for directives
include_force	If 'TRUE', results include whether legislation is in force
include_eurovoc	If 'TRUE', results include EuroVoc descriptors of subject matter
include_author	If 'TRUE', results include document author(s)
include_citations	If 'TRUE', results include citations (CELEX-labelled)
order	Order results by ids
limit	Limit the number of results, for testing purposes mainly

### Value

A character string containing the SPARQL query

### Examples

```

elx_make_query(resource_type = "directive", include_date = TRUE, include_force = TRUE)
elx_make_query(resource_type = "regulation", include_corrigena = TRUE, order = TRUE)
elx_make_query(resource_type = "caselaw")
elx_make_query(resource_type = "manual", manual_type = "SWD")

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elx_parse_xml	<i>Parse RDF/XML triplets to data frame</i>
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**Description**

An internal function to parse RDF/XML output from SPARQL queries.

**Usage**

```
elx_parse_xml(sparql_response = "")
```

**Arguments**

sparql_response	A valid response from the SPARQL endpoint
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elx_run_query	<i>Execute SPARQL queries</i>
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**Description**

Executes cURL request to a pre-defined endpoint of the EU Publications Office. Relies on elx\_make\_query to generate valid SPARQL queries

**Usage**

```
elx_run_query(
  query = "",
  endpoint = "http://publications.europa.eu/webapi/rdf/sparql"
)
```

**Arguments**

query	A valid SPARQL query specified by 'elx_make_query' or manually
endpoint	SPARQL endpoint

**Value**

A data frame containing the results of the SPARQL query. Column 'work' contains the Cellar URI of the resource. Rows with even one missing variable are dropped.

**Examples**

```
elx_run_query(elx_make_query("directive", include_force = TRUE))
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