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Open Legal Databases in Switzerland

In an academic context focused on open data, the legal sciences seem to have been somewhat left behind. Consequently, the quality of database management is fast becoming a major strategic issue for public institutions, law firms, businesses and researchers. Ensuring data accuracy, reliability, continuity and accessibility is no longer merely a technical requirement: it is an essential prerequisite for transparency, legal security and the effectiveness of professional practices and academic research.

This conference brings together experts, practitioners, researchers and information systems managers in order to share experiences and best practices relating to the structuring, updating, governance and use of legal databases. Over the course of the conference, as a basis for analysing current challenges in the legal sciences, industry professionals will deliver thematic presentations and share their experiences, and interdisciplinary discussions will be held on various topics.

This event aims to provide a space for collective discussion and open dialogue, fostering a better understanding of the technical, methodological and ethical issues associated with legal information management in Switzerland. Together, we will help to build practices that are more FAIR and better suited to the needs of a constantly evolving legal ecosystem.

Organization	Claire Hoffmann Coordination des centres documentaires & Open Science
Time, place	University of Fribourg, June 3rd 2026
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Conference – 03 June, 2026



Schedule

Interventions

University of Fribourg, Pérolles 21, room F130

- 9:00** Coffee and croissants welcome
- 9:30** *Institutional greetings*
Hansjörg Schmid (Vice-recteur Bibliothèques)
- 9:35** *Introduction*
Claire Hoffmann (University of Fribourg)
- 9:50** *Law in books and data in action: Building better legal data infrastructure in Switzerland*
Florian Geering (University of Zürich)
- 10:20** *Datenbank Kantonale Rechtsprechung zum Datenschutzrecht*
Irina Sille (University of Fribourg)
- 10:50** Break
- 11:10** *Open by Design: Bringing FAIR Principles to Private International Law*
Agatha Brandão de Oliveira (University of Luzern)
- 11:40** *Transparenz in der Rechtsprechung: Die Plattform Entscheidsuche.ch*
Jörn Erbguth (Geneva Macro Labs)
- 12:10** Final words

Workshop

For speakers only

University of Fribourg, Pérolles 21, room B207

14:00-15:30

Practical information

Registration Until May 19th



[Information and registration form](#)

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