

Transparency and Data Protection: Cooperating or Conflicting Elements of Good Governance?

European Institute of Public Administration
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Maastricht (NL)



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INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Description: The seminar will familiarise the participants with the various aspects of "openness and transparency and data protection" in the EU. While linking the concept of transparency with the broader issues of political accountability and democratic deficit, the sessions will in particular cover some selected relevant aspects: the new EU transparency initiative, public access to documents, treatment of sensitive data, relevant case law as well as the role of the Member States.

Objectives: At the end of the seminar the participants will have a sound understanding of "the politics of information" at European level, be more aware of the rights and obligations underpinning the access and treatment of documents and have a better insight into the strategies aimed at promoting an open Europe.

Method: A combination of lectures, workshops, structured discussions and case studies.

Target group: This seminar is designed for anyone whose work relies on public access to documents or relates to the treatment of sensitive information. It is aimed at, among others, data protection officers, European, national and sub-national officials, lawyers specialising in privacy law, staff of civil liberties associations, lobbyists, journalists, researchers and informed observers.

Language: The seminar will be held in English.

Programme

The seminar takes place in Maastricht, the Netherlands, and will commence on Thursday at 09.00 and will finish on Friday at 17.00.

Seminar Venue

The seminar will take place at EIPA's Green Conference Room (1.45).

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Fee

The participation fee is € 800 and includes documentation, 2 lunches, 1 dinner and refreshments. Accommodation and travel costs are at the expense of the participants or their administration. EIPA offers its members a reduction of 10% of the registration fee. This reduction is available to all civil servants working for one of EIPA's member countries (i.e. AT, BE, CY, CZ, DK, EE, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LU, MT, NL, PL, PT, ES, SE, UK) as well as civil servants working for an EU institution or agency. If you are eligible for a discount, please tick the box in the registration form. Please note that reductions cannot be accumulated. For more information, please visit EIPA's website: www.eipa.eu (FAQ-special discounts).

Hotel

The European Institute of Public Administration will be pleased to make reservations for you at a hotel in Maastricht. We have made a block booking at Hotel Mabi**** (www.hotel-mabi.nl), at a rate of €97,23 p.p.p.n. (incl. breakfast and tourist tax) and at the Amrâth Grand Hotel de l'Empereur (www.hotel-empereur.nl), at a rate of € 110,62 p.p.p.n (incl. breakfast and tourist tax). Both hotels are located in the city centre of Maastricht and within walking distance of EIPA.

Should you wish to make use of this possibility, please indicate the hotel of your choice on the registration form and the date of arrival and departure. Payment is to be made directly and personally to the hotel on checking out. Please note that if you register after the closing date, hotel reservations cannot be guaranteed.

Meals

Lunches will take place at the Institute's restaurant and dinner on Thursday evening will take place at a restaurant in town. Should you require a special menu (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic, glutenfree), please inform the Programme Organiser so this can be arranged.

Registration

Kindly complete the registration form and return it **before 30 April 2008** to Ms Esther Haenen, Programme Organiser, European Institute of Public Administration, P.O. Box 1229, NL-6201 BE Maastricht. Tel.: +31.43.3296246; fax: +31.43.3296296; e-mail: e.haenen@eipa.eu. You can also submit the on-line registration form. Go to www.eipa.eu and scroll down to the Activities Overview.

Confirmation

Confirmation of registration will be forwarded to participants on receipt of the completed registration form.

Payment

Prior payment is a condition for participation. Please indicate the method of payment on the registration form. For cancellations received after the closing date indicated on the registration form we will have to charge an administration fee of € 150 unless a replacement participant is found.

Cosimo Monda

Project Leader

Senior Lecturer and Head of Information, Publications, Documentation and Marketing Services, EIPA



PROGRAMME

Thursday 15 May 2008

09.00 hrs *Opening of the seminar*

Introduction:

purpose and organisation of the seminar

Cosimo Monda,

Senior Lecturer and Head of Information, Publications,
Documentation and Marketing Services, EIPA

**Transparency and data protection as elements of
good governance**

Ian Harden,

Secretary-General, European Ombudsman

SESSION I: TRANSPARENCY

Restoring Europeans' confidence:

**Did the European Transparency Initiative already
bring what it has promised?**

Kristian Schmidt,

Deputy Head of the Cabinet of Siim Kallas, European
Commission (invited)

**Reviewing and revising the public access to
documents regulation**

*How has the regulation been working so far and
what should be improved?*

Statewatch's view on recent trends

Tony Bunyan,

Statewatch

Recent Case law on access to documents

Steve Peers,

Professor of Law at the Department of Law of the
University of Essex

The role of journalists in freedom of information

Wilfried Ruetten,

Director, European Journalism Centre

How is the revision process going?

An inside view

Jakob Thomsen,

General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union,
Directorate-General F, Press – Communication Protocol,
Unit 2 – Communication, Transparency, access to
documents, information to the public

Closing lecture

Transparency, Access to Documents and Beyond...

Cosimo Monda

Friday 16 May 2008

SESSION II: DATA PROTECTION

Strategic Issues for Data Protection In Europe

Alfonso Scirocco,

Legal Adviser, European Data Protection Supervisor

**Data protection in Police and judicial cooperation
matters: how does it work?**

José Luís Lopes da Mota,

President of Eurojust

**A critical view on data protection in Police and
judicial cooperation matters**

Tony Bunyan,

Statewatch

**Data protection in the context of the Common
Foreign Security Policy**

Simon Duke,

Professor, EIPA

SESSION III: TRANSPARENCY VERSUS DATA PROTECTION

**Access to documents and protection of personal
data: conflicting objectives?**

Philippe Renaudière,

Data Protection Officer of the European Commission

**Public Access to information and data protection:
reconciling two fundamental rights**

Herke Kranenborg,

Assistant-professor, University of Leiden

Closing lecture

**Transparency, data protection and good
governance**

Cosimo Monda

17.00 hrs *End of the seminar*

REGISTRATION FORM

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Surname: Title:
First name: M / F
Current position:
Organisation:
Department:
Work address:
Postal code & town: Country:
Tel. no. (work) : Fax no.:
E-mail address:

PAYMENTS 08/11501

**The participation fee includes participation in the seminar, documentation,
2 lunches, 1 dinner and beverages**

€ 800

Discount of 10% (Please check first the conditions at www.eipa.eu (FAQ – special discounts))

discount

Method of payment

Bank transfer

The participants or their administration will receive an invoice for the payment of the registration fee.
Invoice address (if different from the abovementioned address):

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E-mail:

Credit card

American Express Card

Eurocard/Mastercard

Visa Card

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HOTEL RESERVATION

Please reserve hotel accommodation for me at: Hotel Mabi or at Amrâth Grand Hotel de l'Empereur
Date of arrival: **Date of departure:** **No. of nights:**

No hotel reservation required.

MEALS

*To all participants 2 lunches and 1 dinner will be served. However, please indicate any special menu if applicable
(e.g. vegetarian, diabetic, glutenfree):*

Vegetarian: yes -> fish allowed yes no

Other:

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