European Information Management

International Seminar

A New Open Europe:
Public access to documents and data protection

Barcelona (ES), 14-15 September 2006

Organised by
European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), Maastricht (NL)
&
European Centre for the Regions (EIPA-CER), Barcelona (ES)

With the collaboration of
Thursday, 14 September 2006

09.00 hrs Opening of the Seminar
    Representative of the European Commission – Representation in Barcelona
    Gracia Vara Arribas, Project Leader, Senior Lecturer, European Institute of Public
    Administration – European Centre for the Regions (EIPA-ECR), Barcelona (ES)
    Cosimo Monda, Project Leader, Senior Lecturer & Head of Information, Documentation, Publications and Marketing Services, European Institute of Public
    Administration (EIPA), Maastricht (NL)

Communication, Transparency and Right to Access

09.15 hrs Introduction: purpose and organization of the seminar
    Cosimo Monda

09.45 hrs Restoring Europeans’ confidence: the European Transparency Initiative
        explained
    Kristian Schmidt, Deputy Head of the Cabinet of Siim Kallas, European Commission, Brussels (BE)

10.45 hrs Transparency and EU governance: “Let he who is without sin cast the first
        stone”
    Gracia Vara Arribas
    Pierpaolo Settembri, Researcher, EIPA

11.45 hrs Coffee break

12.15 hrs Reviewing and revising access policy: the Commission’s point of view
        Sandra Bartelt, European Commission, Brussels (BE)

13.15 hrs Access divide: national practices in comparative perspective
        Cosimo Monda

14.00 hrs Lunch break

15.45 hrs Gaining access to Council’s documents
        Jakob Thomsen, DG Press, Communication and Protocol, Unit 2 Communication; Transparency, access to documents, information to the Public, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, Brussels (BE)

16.45 hrs Communicating Europe: information, communication and democracy
        Benoît Woringer, Head of Unit, DG for Communication; Directorate A Strategy, General matters and Interinstitutional relations, European Commission, Brussels (BE)

17.45 hrs Civil society strikes back: Statewatch’s view on recent trends
        Tony Bunyan, Statewatch

18.45 hrs End of the first day
Friday, 15 September 2006

Access to documents and Data Protection
The other side of the coin: origins, practice and perspective of regulation

09.30 hrs  European perspective: The past, the present and the future of Data Protection in Europe
Alfonso Scirocco, Legal Advisor, Policy and Information Unit, European Data Protection Supervisor, Brussels (BE)

10.15 hrs  Public Access to Documents and Data Protection in Europe
Alessandra Pierucci, Public Official, Data Protection Commission (invited)

11.00 hrs  Coffee break

Case Studies: The role of supervisory authorities in Member States
The implementation of EU legislation on personal data protection

11.30 hrs  The example of Spain
N.N., Data Protection Agency (ES)

The example of Catalonia
N.N., Data Protection Agency of Catalonia

The example of Italy
Alessandra Pierucci (invited)

13.00 hrs  Open Discussion
All participants and speakers

13.45 hrs  End of the seminar

14.00 hrs  Lunch