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European Information Management

International Seminar

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

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PROGRAMME

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 Woringier, 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