

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

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Introduction

Target group

This seminar is recommended for anyone whose work relies on public access to documents or relates to the treatment of sensitive information. It is aimed at, among others, information officers, information managers, data protection officers, European, national and sub-national officials, data protection and information lawyers, legal advisors, staff of civil liberties associations, consultants, lobbyists, journalists and researchers.

Description

The seminar will familiarise the participants with the key concepts and principles of privacy, and then address the various aspects of openness and transparency in the EU. Which personal data is accessed and exchanged? How well are the current rules on personal data protection and public access to documents working? What are the expectations of individuals, business and civil society as a whole? The sessions will focus on selected aspects of particular relevance: public access to documents, the latest developments and challenges in the field of personal data

use and protection, relevant case law like the Bavarian Lager, as well as the role of the Member States. Numerous practical examples, combined with a high degree of interactivity, will give participants an insight into how to handle the myriad issues.

Method

A combination of lectures, structured discussions and case studies.

Objectives

The main objective is to enable delegates to understand how to manage requests for information, and to achieve best practice within their organisation. 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.

Provisional Programme

THURSDAY 3 JUNE 2010

09.00 **Introduction: Purpose and organisation of the seminar**
Cosimo Monda, Senior Lecturer, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)

09.15 **Transparency and data protection as elements of good governance**
Fergal Ó Regan, Head of Legal Unit, Principal Legal Advisor, European Ombudsman, Brussels (BE)

10.15 Coffee break

Workshop

Access to documents in the EU and in the Member States. What to learn from experiences in view of the Revision of the Regulation and of the Lisbon Treaty
Chair: Cosimo Monda

10.45 **The regulation 1049/2001 on public access to documents: practice and experiences**
Cosimo Monda

11.15 **Overview of EU Member States Legislation in Transparency Matters**
David Banisar, Senior Legal Counsel, Article 19 (UK)

12.15 **Recent case law on access to documents: How has the regulation been working so far and what should be improved?**
Steve Peers, Professor of Law at the Department of Law, University of Essex (UK) (INVITED)

13.30 Lunch

Workshop

Reviewing and revising the public access to documents regulation 1049/2001 How is the revision process going?
Chair: Theo Jans, Senior Lecturer, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)

14.30 **The main changes brought about by the new European Commission Proposal on the Revision of Regulation 1049/2001**
Cosimo Monda & Theo Jans

15.00 *Mr Emilio De Capitani, Head of Unit of the LIBE Committee, European Parliament, Brussels (BE) (INVITED)*

15.30 *Mr Jonas Högström, Counselor, Swedish Permanent representation in Brussels, (INVITED)*

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 **State watch's view on recent trends: How has the regulation been working so far and what should be improved?**
Tony Bunyan, Statewatch, London (UK)

17.15 **Panel discussion: Upcoming developments and future challenges**

Tony Bunyan
Emilio De Capitani
Theo Jans
Fergal Ó Regan
Steve Peers
Jonas Högström

18.00 **End of first day**

20.00 Dinner

FRIDAY 04 JUNE 2010

Data Protection in Europe and the right of access to one's own personal data (organised together with the EDPS)

Chair: Alfonso Scirocco, Legal Advisor, European Data Protection Supervisor, Brussels (BE)

09.00 **Recent developments and future direction: a short overview of Data Protection in Europe and the impact of the Lisbon Treaty**
Alfonso Scirocco

09.30 **The data protection legal framework and access to personal data in Europe: main principles and cases (Directive 95/46 and Regulation 45/2001)**
María Verónica Pérez Asinari, Administrator/Legal Officer Coordinator Administrative Measures at EDPS, Brussels (BE)

10.15 **Questions and discussion**

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 **Data protection and access to personal data in the area of police and judicial cooperation**
Diana Alonso Blas, Data Protection Officer, Eurojust, The Hague (NL)

11.45 **Questions and discussion**

12.00 **Data protection and access to personal data in terrorists blacklist**
Alfonso Scirocco

12.45 **Closing Lecture: Public access to information and data protection: reconciling two fundamental rights**
Herke Kranenborg, Legal Officer at EDPS, Brussels (BE)

13.45 **Wrap up session and conclusion**
Cosimo Monda

14.00 **End of seminar and lunch**

General Information

Programme

The programme will commence on Thursday at 09.00 hrs and will finish on Friday at 15.00 hrs.

Seminar venue

The seminar will take place in the Green Conference Room (1.45) at the European Institute of Public Administration, O.L. Vrouweplein 22, NL-6211 HE Maastricht, tel.: +31.43.3296222, fax: +31.43.3296296.

Working language

The seminar will be conducted in English.

Fee

The participation fee is € 800 and includes documentation, two lunches, one dinner and refreshments. Accommodation and travel costs are at the expense of the participant or his/her administration.

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Hotel Beaumont**** www.beaumont.nl, € 101,90 p.p.p.n. (incl. breakfast and tourist)

Should you wish to make use of this possibility, please indicate the dates of arrival and departure on the registration form. 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

The lunches will be served at the Institute's restaurant. The dinner will be at a restaurant in town. Should you require a special menu (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic), please inform the Programme Organiser so that this can be arranged.

Registration

Kindly complete the registration form and return it before 20 May 2010 to Ms Chaja van Boeschoten, Programme Organiser, European Institute of Public Administration, P.O. Box 1229, NL-6201 BE Maastricht, tel.: +31.43.3296381, fax: +31.43.3296296, e-mail: c.vanboeschoten@eipa.eu. You can also submit the online registration form which can be found on EIPA's web site: www.eipa.eu (training).

Your name and address will be part of EIPA's database for our mailing purpose only. If you do not want to be included in our mailing database, please tick the box in the registration form.

Confirmation

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Payment

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Current position:
Organisation:
Department:
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The participation fee includes participation in the seminar, documentation, 2 lunches, 1 dinner and beverages
Discount of 10% (Please check first the conditions at www.eipa.eu (FAQ – special discounts))

€ 800

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Method of payment

Bank transfer

The participants or their administration will receive an invoice for the payment of the registration fee.

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Please reserve hotel accommodation for me at Hotel Beaumont

Date of arrival: Date of departure: No. of nights:

No hotel reservation required.

MEALS

Lunch day 1: will attend will not attend

Lunch day 2: will attend will not attend

Dinner 1: will attend will not attend

Vegetarian: yes Fish allowed: yes no Other dietary requirements:

As the number of places is limited, please return the completed registration form before 20 May 2010 to:

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