

Transparency will save the EU

Restoring trust through public access to documents: principles, practice and challenges

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14.00-16.00

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A frequent criticism levelled at the EU is that it is still a bureaucratic and diplomatic construction where procedures are opaque and culture secretive. This conference will examine why the Reform initiated thirteen years ago is still blocked and what can be done to ensure that the EU is open and transparent.

(Draft) **PROGRAMME**

1400. Welcome from the Chair

Sir Graham Watson MEP (former Chairman of LIBE committee when Regulation 1049/01 was negotiated)

14.10 Views from Parliament:

Michael Cashman CBE, MEP (Rapporteur of Regulation 1049/01 and of its draft amendments)

Sophie In't Veld MEP (rapporteur for the implementation of Regulation 1049/01)

1430 Views from the practitioners

Emily O'Reilly - European Ombudsman

Onno Brouwer - Lawyer in landmark ECJ cases on public access to documents

1500 Views from civil society

Statewatch (Tony Bunyan, Director)

Transparency international

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FREE Group

1545 Reactions from the audience

1555 Conclusions by the MEPs