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Transparency and Data Protection: Cooperating or Conflicting Elements of Good Governance?
Maastricht (NL), 15-16 May 2008

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**INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Language:** The seminar will be held in English.

**Programme**
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**Seminar Venue**
The seminar will take place at EIPA’s Green Conference Room (1.45).

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Project Leader
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**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

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**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 Thomesen, 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

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**Friday 16 May 2008**

**SESSION II: DATA PROTECTION**

**Strategic Issues for Data Protection In Europe**

Alfonso Scarocco, Legal Adviser, European Data Protection Supervisor

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

José Luis Lopes da Mota, President of Eurojust

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

Tony Bunyan, Statewatch

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**SESSION III: TRANSPARENCY VERSUS DATA PROTECTION**

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

Philippe Renaudière, Project Leader, Statewatch

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

Simon Duke, Professor, EIPA

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**Closing lecture**

Transparency, Access to Documents and Beyond...

Cosimo Monda

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**End of the seminar**

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