



Tuesday
October 21, 2014
9.30 – 16.30 hrs

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PROACTIVE TRANSPARENCY OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA: THE NEXT STEP IN EXERCISING THE RIGHT TO ACCESS INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

The legal framework on free access to information in Bosnia and Herzegovina stipulates that the information possessed by public authorities can only be accessed by submitting individual written requests. However, recent international standards in this area oblige public authorities not only to respond to individual requests, but to additionally publish certain categories of public information voluntarily.

The theme of this conference is the evolution of the right to access to information in the light of the growing recognition of proactive dimension of this right on international level, good practices of other countries and the initial steps Bosnia and Herzegovina made in this domain. The conference consists of presentations and panel discussions which will address key elements of proactive disclosure of information, including conceptual and legal bases, existing standards and trends in the world and the countries of the region, the challenges necessary to overcome on the road to proactive transparency as well as the institutional, social and economic benefits arising from the proactive disclosure of information of public importance.

PROGRAM

Working Language: Languages of BiH and English, translation provided.

- 09:30 – 10:00** Registration and Welcome Coffee
- 10:00 – 10:10** Welcoming Remarks
Edin Hodžić, *director of Center for Social Research Analitika*
Fatima Krivošija, *project policy officer, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands*
- 10:10 – 11:10** INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION: Paradigm Change: New Standards and Practices in the Domain of Access to Information, **Helen Darbshire**, *Executive Director, Access Info Europe*
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- 11:15 – 12:30** PANEL I: Legal Regulation of Proactive Transparency
- Proactive Transparency in BiH: Current State and Perspectives, **dr. Alen Rajko**, *judge and president of Administrative Court in Rijeka, expert in the field of information administrative law*
- Right to Information and Right to Privacy: The Compromise between the Two Legitimate Interests, **Stanojla Mandić**, *Deputy Commissioner for Information of Public Importance and Personal Data Protection (Serbia)*

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[Branislav Zimonjić](#), [Ministry of Communications and Transport of BiH](#)

[Srđan Rajčević](#), [Agency for Information Society of Republika Srpska](#)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:45 PANEL II: The Challenges of Institutionalisation of Proactive Transparency: Experiences and Lessons from Good Practices in Other Countries

Towards an Effective System of Proactive Transparency: The UK experience, **Eleanor Stewart**, *Head of Transparency at Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK**

Proactive Transparency in the Context of EU Integration and the Open Government Partnership (OGP): Croatian Experience, **Dubravka Bevandić, MSc**, *Head of Department for the Right to Access to Information, Information Commissioner Croatia*

14:45 – 15:00 Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:30 PANEL III: Proactive Transparency Practice in BiH: Challenges and Perspectives

Analysis of Administrative Transparency of the Executive and Parliamentary Authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, **Adis Arapović**, *Centres for Civic Initiatives*

Official Websites of Institutions of BiH: Current Limitations and Next Steps, **Branislav Zimonjić**, *Ministry of Communications and Transport of BiH*

Creating a Central Portal for More Effective Public Administration, **Srđan Rajčević**, *Director of Agency for Information Society of Republika Srpska*

ABOUT THE PROJECT

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