

Convention on EU best practice in access to public sector information



#democracy #freedom of information #citizens' participation
#citizens' control on public action #civic education

WHERE

BRUSSELS

Wednesday: European Economic and Social
Committee (EESC), rue de Trèves 74, 1040
Brussels – Room – TRE 7701
Thursday: Club Royal des Guides
Rue d'Arlon 32, 1000 Brussels

WHAT

An international convention organized by [WeCitizens](#), in partnership with EESC and UCLouvain, in the framework of the [SIA4Y project](#). where CSOs, academics and public officers share best practices and use story-telling to promote the right of access to public information (freedom of information - FoI)

Wednesday 6 november 2019

14:00 Welcome
14:15 Introduction
14:30 Importance of FoI for good governance (Adeline Hulin, UNESCO)
14:45 Protection of whistleblowers (Matilde Manzi, Transparency International EU)
15:00 Experience in Finland (Eila Heikkilä, AEKS)
15:15 Break
15:35 Guide of good practice
(Prof. Sylwia Mrozowska, Assis. Prof. Barbara Kijewska, Gdansk University)
16:05 Roundtable 1 : Citizens' control on public action
Assya Kavrakova (ECAS), Alvaro Gonzalez Perez (AEGEE), JP Pinon (WeCitizens)
moderated by Jean-Marie Sohier
17:15 End

Thursday 7 november 2019

09:00 Welcome
09:15 Introduction
09:30 Transparency tools for democracy (Wilma Haan, Open State Foundation)
10:00 Experience in Poland (Magda Leszczyna-Rzucidlo, Polish Economic Society, PTE)
10:15 Investigative journalism (Alexander Fanta, Netzpolitik)
10:30 Coffee break
10:50 Experience in Belgium (Jean-Paul Pinon, WeCitizens)
11:05 Experience in Estonia (Carina Paju, Transparency International Estonia)
11:20 Roundtable 2 : Priority actions to promote the FoI
Johannes Filter (OKFN), Rachel Hanna (Access Info Europe), B. Kijewska
(University of Gdansk), moderated by Alexander Fanta
12:25 Conclusion
12:30 Walking lunch

HOW

Workshops have taken place in 5 countries to increase the level of understanding of young people regarding FoI. Partners of these countries contributed to draft the state of the art, and proposals for more involvement of young people. On this convention we present a new Guide of good practice for Europe.

REGISTER:

No participation fee, but
booking is compulsory :
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(before 5 November)

WHY

FoI is a condition for civil society to evaluate the quality of public action. A lot of work is still needed to make this new right more effective and popular.

