

Freedom of Information Litigation Workshop

Agenda



**September 26-28, 2002
Sofia**



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FOI Litigation Workshop agenda
26 – 28 September 2002

September 25, 2002 Arrival and accommodation of the participants

First Day: September 26, 2002

Access to Information Litigation

Place: American Center, Sofia

08.30 – 09.00 – Registration

Morning session, moderated by Gergana Jouleva, Executive Director, AIP

09.00 – 09.30 – Strategies for the Implementation of the Freedom of Information Laws. Litigation - *Helen Darbishire, Open Society Institute*

09.30 – 10.00 – Strategies for Court Cases. Presentation of Court Cases under FOIA - *Bonnie Robin-Vergeer, Public Citizen's Freedom of Information Clearinghouse, USA*

10.00 – 10.30 – Right to Information Litigation in the EU - *Peter Noorlander, Article 19, the global campaign for freedom of expression*

10.30 – 11.00 – Coffee break

11.00 – 11.30 – Court Cases on the Access to Information in Bulgaria – *Alexander Kashumov, Access to Information Programme*

11.30 – 12.00 – Litigation under the Access to Public Information Act – *Alexander Elenkov, Supreme Administrative Court, Bulgaria*

12.00 – 12.30 – Access to Information Litigation in Slovakia - *Peter Wilfling, Citizen and Democracy Foundation*

12.30 – 13.00 - Access to Information Litigation in Georgia - *Tinatin Khidasheli, Georgian Young Lawyers Association and Nino Gabashvili, Global Internet Policy Initiative*

13.00 – 13.30 – Litigation under the Free Access to Information Act in Romania - *Diana-Olivia Calinescu, Romanian Helsinki committee*

13.30 – 15.00 – Lunch, Rila hotel

Afternoon session, moderated by Alexander Kashumov

Place: Adacta hall, hotel Rila, Sofia

15.00 – 18.00 – Litigation Workshop on hypothetical cases
Presentation of Recommendation R(2002)2 of the CoE, *Peter Noorlander*
3 workgroups

Plenary session – reporting and discussion

Second day: September 27, 2002

Implementation of FOI Legislation

Place: American Center, Sofia

Morning session, moderated by Fany Davidova, AIP lawyer

NGO Strategies for the Implementation of FOI Legislation

09.00 – 9.30 – Overview of the Implementation of FOI Legislation - *David Banisar, Privacy International*

09.30 - 10.00 – Support for the Implementation of FOI Legislation – the experience of AIP – *Gergana Jouleva, AIP*

10.00. – 10.30 – FOIA implementation in South Africa - *Richard Calland, Open Democracy Advise Center and Teboho Makhalemele, Open Democracy Advise Center, South Africa*

10.30 – 11.00 – Coffee break

11.00 – 11.30 FOIA implementation in the Czech Republic - *Jindriska Prokopova, Right to Information Project, Czech Republic*

11.30 – 12.00 – Involving public in the process of testing access to information reality - experience of TI Latvia - *Inese Voika and Linda Austere, Transparency International, Latvia*

12.00 –12.30 – FOIA implementation in Mexico - *Issa Luna Pla, Iberoamerican Programme of Freedom of Information in Mexico City, Mexico*

12.30 – 13.00 FOIA implementation in Bosnia and Herzegovina – *Lisa Tilney, ABA CEELI, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

13.00 – 14.30 – Lunch, Rila hotel

Afternoon session, moderated by Gergana Jouleva

Place: American Center, Sofia

14.30 –15.00 - FOI practices in India - *Debashish Sankhari, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, India*

15.00 – 15.30 – The Access to Information in Moldova: law and practice - *Olivia Pirtac, Independent Journalism Center, Moldova*

15.30 – 16.00 – Coffee break

NGO Strategies for the Adoption of FOI Laws

16.00 – 16.30 – Freedom of Information Situation in Armenia - *Shushan Doydoyan - Freedom of Information Center of Armenia; Karen Andreasyan, ABA CEELI Armenia*

16.30 – 17.00 – Freedom of Information Situation in Macedonia - *Klime Babunsky, Pro Media, Sasa Andonovski, Macedonia*

17.00 – 17.30 – Discussion

Third day: September 28, 2000

Morning session, moderated by Helen Darbishire

Place: Adacta hall, hotel Rila, Sofia

09.00 – 09.45 – Initiating a Central and Eastern European Freedom of Information Association (CEEFOIA).

09.45 – 11.00 – Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 – Coffee break

11.30 – 12.00 – Closing remarks

12.00 – 13.30 – Lunch

14.00 – 21.00 – Excursion and dinner at the Rila Monastery