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ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION: MOVING FORWARD TO TRANSPARENCY

People's access to public documents and to the information regarding the matters that may affect their rights should be ensured.

Necessary measures should be taken in order to make public the maximum amount of information, to promote transparency and ensure informed participation of people in matters of public interest.

Access to information is essential to qualitative democracy.

VENUE

Catalan Ombudsman's head office at Passeig de Lluís Companys, 7, in Barcelona.

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Registration is free although there are limited places (capacity for 100 attendants). To register or for further information, contact the Catalan Ombudsman Office by phone (+34 933 018 075) or by e-mail: sindic@sindic.cat.

LIVE BROADCAST

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Program of the Conference on Access to Public Information

May 13

I. Access models to public information

- 9:30 h Opening Conference by **Rafael Ribó**, Catalan Ombudsman
- 10:30 h The information commissioners' function in guaranteeing the access
- Steve Wood**, Head of Policy Delivery of UK Information Commissioner's Office
- Natasa Pirc**, Slovenia Information Commissioner
- Moderator: **Jordi Sànchez**, Deputy General to the Catalan Ombudsman
- 11:45 h Coffee break
- 12:15 h Spanish and Catalan system
- "Access framework in Catalonia". **Josep Matas**, lawyer specialized in information access
- "Transparency and the right of access in state law". **Emilio Guichot**, Assistant Director of Studies and Legal Proposals of the Ministry of Presidency of the Spanish Government

"Comparative overview on access worldwide". **Helen Darbshire**, Access Info Europe Director

Moderator: **Maria Jesús Larios**, Deputy to the Catalan Ombudsman for the Defence of Children's and Adolescents' Rights

II. Transparency, participation and access

- 16:00 h "Participation, access to information and democratic quality". **Quim Brugué**, UAB Political Science Professor and IGOP Director
- "Institutional promotion of participation and access". **Marc Rius**, Citizen Participation General Director of the Catalan Government
- "Access with regards to the third sector". **Irene Milleiro**, Director of the Department of Campaigns and Studies for Intermon Oxfam in Spain
- Moderator: **Manel Sanz**, Advisor to the Catalan Ombudsman

May 14

III. Privacy and access: balance and guarantees

- 9:00 h "Relational models between privacy and access". **Dave Banisar**, Senior Legal Counsel for Article 19 Human Rights Organisation

"Protection and access in Spain". **Jesús Rubí**, Deputy Director of the Spanish Agency for Data Protection

"Protection and access in Catalonia". **Esther Mitjans**, Director of the Catalan Agency for Data Protection

"Access to documentation and privacy". **Joan Antoni Jiménez**, President of the Catalan Archivist Association

Moderator: **Eugeni Castelló**, Advisor to the Catalan Ombudsman

11:30 h Coffee break

IV. New technologies and access to public information and data

- 12:00 h "Open government and access to information". **Marta Continente**, Citizen Information General Director of the Catalan Government
- "Open data and access to information". **José Manuel Alonso**, Advisor to the International Consortium of World Wide Web, W3C-CTIC
- "Open data, new technologies and citizens". **Víctor Castell**, member of Pro Bono Público project
- Moderator and conclusion-drawing: **Sílvia Vèrnia**, Director of Administration and Social Affairs of the Catalan Ombudsman