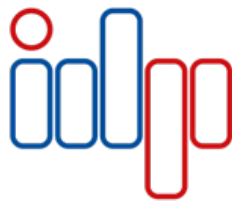




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ADDRESSING CHALLENGES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION: CAPACITY GAPS, UNSUPPORTED REFUSALS, AND KEY OBSTACLES

13 November 2025

Tirana Marriott Hotel

10:00 - 12:00

The Commissioner for the Right to Information and Personal Data Protection, and the European Movement Albania (EMA), are pleased to invite you to the upcoming meeting of the National Convention for European Integration, supported by the European Union.

The National Convention for European Integration provides a space for consultation and dialogue, enabling the active involvement of non-state actors in the EU negotiation process. Participants include representatives from civil society, academia, legal professionals, and other key stakeholders. The session aims not only to inform about the legislative process but also to ensure that civil society and interest groups can provide recommendations, offer feedback on the legal framework and policies, and actively monitor policymaking at all stages.

This session will bring together civil society organisations, human rights activists, information coordinators in public institutions, academics, legal professionals, and media actors to discuss the implementation of Albania's Law on Right to Information. Key topics include challenges and developments related to transparency, accountability, and the role of the Commissioner. The session will also highlight the importance of cooperation and increased involvement of non-state actors in oversight and monitoring. Special attention will be given to the exchange of best practices, with the participation of experts from Slovakia, who will share concrete models and successful experiences from the Slovak context and EU standards.

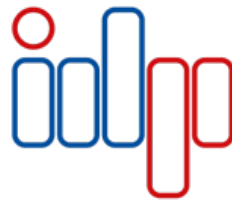
We look forward to your participation and active engagement in this important discussion!

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Registration and Welcome Coffee

10:00 - 10:15

OPENING SPEECH

Ms. Elona Hoxhaj, Director General of Right to Information, Commissioner for the Right to Information and Personal Data Protection

Mr. Gledis Gjipali, Executive Director, European Movement Albania

10:15 - 10:40

Implementation of the right to information law in Albania – EU requirements and main challenges

- Key challenges: unjustified refusals, institutional capacity gaps, and delays in providing information:
- Alignment of Albanian legislation with EU criteria and standards in the context of the negotiations:
- Cooperation between the Commissioner, CSOs, and the media to enhance transparency:
- Developments and innovations within public institutions to ensure better access to information.

Representative, from the General Directorate for the Right to Information, Commissioner for the Right to Information and Protection of Personal Data

10:40 - 11:10

Civil Society perspective – Right to Information to prevent corruption

- The broader impact of RTI on democratic governance and public trust.
- How civil society uses the right to information to influence policy and decision-making.
- How RTI tools contributed to anti-corruption campaigns, policy changes, or institutional improvements based on EU standards and criteria - examples of successful monitoring of public authorities using RTI
- Challenges civil society faces in accessing information – positive examples on how they overcame them
- Recommendations for CSOs in Albania: Coordination, cooperation, and effectively leveraging RTI in monitoring and oversight

Mr. Michal Piško, Director, Transparency International Slovakia

11:10 - 11:30

Interactive discussion with participants

11:30 - 12:00

Closing of the activity and cocktail

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