

# Convention on EU best practice in public access to information

## WHERE

BELGIUM - BRUSSELS  
Venue TBC

## WHAT

An international convention where NGOs, 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 speech (MEP + Jean-Paul Pinon)  
14:30 Importance of FoI for good governance  
15:00 Overview of the legal situation concerning FoI in EU/World (PTE)  
15:30 Experience in Poland (Magda Leszczyna-Rzucidlo)  
15:45 Break  
16:05 Experience in Estonia (Consortium)  
16:20 Experience in Spain (J.M Cavanna)  
16:40 Roundtable 1 : Citizens' control on public action  
17:45 End

### Thursday 7 november 2019

09:00 Welcome  
09:15 Introduction speech  
09:30 Transparency tools for democracy (Open State Foundation)  
10:00 Code of good practice (PTE)  
10:30 Experience in Belgium (Claude Archer)  
10:45 Experience in USA  
11:00 Break  
11:20 Protection of whistleblowers (Transparency International)  
11:35 Experience in Finland (Eila Heikkila)  
11:50 Roundtable 2 : Priority actions to promote the FoI  
12:45 Conclusion  
13:00 End

## HOW

Workshops have taken place in 5 countries (Poland, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Belgium) to increase the level of understanding of **young people** regarding public access to information. These countries contributed to draft the state of the art, and proposals for the Code of good practice.

## 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.

### REGISTER:

No participation fee,  
but booking required :  
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