



**Access to Information Litigation in Bulgaria
Conference**

**April 15, 2011
Park Hotel Moskva, Sofia**

Agenda

9.30 – 10.00

Registration of the participants

10.00 – 10.40

Opening

Ms. Gergana Jouleva – Executive Director of AIP

Mr. Konstantin Penchev – National Ombudsman of Bulgaria

Mr. Lozan Panov – Chairperson of the Administrative Court – Sofia City

Morning Session: Moderator – Ms. Fany Davidova – AIP

10.40 – 11.10

Access to documents and democracy in the EU: Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents

Mr. Tony Bunyan – Director of Statewatch

11.10 - 11.30

Problems in the active disclosure of information – results from AIP audit on institutional web sites

Ms. Gergana Jouleva – Executive Director of AIP

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 12.30

Problems and developments in litigation under the Access to Public Information Act (APIA) during 2009 – 2011

Mr. Alexander Kashumov – Head of AIP legal team



12.30 – 13.00

Litigation with regard to the extended scope of obliged bodies under the APIA

Introduction: Mr. Kiril Terziyski – attorney-at-law, AIP

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

Afternoon Session: Moderator – Ms. Gergana Jouleva – Executive Director of AIP

14.30 – 15.15

Litigation with regard to access to information exemptions

Overriding public interest and trade secret /contracts between the state/municipality and private companies

Introduction: Mr. Alexander Kashumov – attorney-at-law, AIP

Discussion

15.15– 15.45

Litigation with regard to access to information exemptions

Access to information and protection of preparatory documents and negotiations

Introduction: Mr. Kiril Terziyski – attorney-at-law, AIP

Discussion

15.45 – 16.15 Coffee break

16.15 – 16.45

Litigation with regard to the access to information exemptions

Access to information and classified information

Introduction: Mr. Kiril Terziyski – attorney-at-law, AIP

Discussion

16.45 – 17.30

Other issues raised by the Access to Public Information Act litigation – Effects of court decisions.

Execution of court judgments. Silent refusals. Formulation of access to information requests, etc.

Introduction: Ms. Darina Palova – attorney-at-law, AIP

Discussion

17.30 – Closing