

**Programmatic Cooperation Framework for
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus**



Project on Freedom of Expression and Media Freedom in Azerbaijan

Launching Event and Roundtable on Access to Information

Baku, 29 September 2015

JW Marriott Absheron Baku Hotel

9:00 – 9.30 Arrival and registration of participants

9:30 – 10:15 Welcome Remarks and Introduction

- Ms Dragana Filipovic, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Baku
- Mr Aflatun Amashov, Chairman of Press Council of Azerbaijan
- Mr Aydin Safikhanli, Head of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan

10:15 – 10:30 Presentation of the Project

- Ms Leila Marshania, Programme Manager, CoE

10:30 - 10.45 *Coffee break*

10:45 – 11:00 Opening of the Working Session on Access to Information

- Moderator - Mr Aflatun Amashov

11:00 – 12:15 Access to Information in Azerbaijan: Legal Framework and Practice

- Ms Aygun Bashirova – General Department on Legislation, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Mr Vugar Rahimzade – Editor-in-chief of newspaper “Tki sahil”, member of the Board of Press Council

- Dr Zaur Aliyev – Head of Department of Legal Education, Scientific-Analytic, Information and International Relations, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan

12:15 – 13:30 *Lunch*

13:30 – 15:30 **Council Europe and European Standards in the field of Access to Information**

- Council of Europe Standards - Ms Parvana Bayramova, Project Officer, Council of Europe
- Standards and Practice in EU member States - Mr Staffan Dahllöf, Council of Europe Expert
- Serbian Model of Access to Information Legislation and Practice - Ms Nevena Ruzic, Council of Europe Expert

15:30 – 16:30 **Discussion and Q&A Session**

16:30 – 17:00 **Conclusions. End of the Event.**