

# WORKSHOP: THE RIGHT TO ACCESS STATE-HELD INFORMATION — COUNCIL OF EUROPE STANDARDS

**Thursday 12 October, 16:00–17:00**  
**Meeting Room 2 Saski, Sofitel Warsaw Victoria**

*The Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents (CETS No.205), also known as the Tromsø Convention, is the first binding international instrument to recognise to everyone the right to access official documents held by public authorities. It provides a set of standards against which the transparency of democratic institutions can be measured. The workshop will focus on the standards of the Convention and the work of its monitoring bodies.*

Speakers:

**Professor. dr.jur Emeritus Inge Lorange Backer**, Department of Public and International Law, Oslo University; Member of the Council of Europe Access Info Group

**Dr. Þórdís Ingadóttir**, Professor at the Faculty of Law, Reykjavik University; Member of the Council of Europe Access Info Group

**Mr Krzysztof Kosowicz**, Lawyer at the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights

**Ms Elona Hoxhaj**, Director General on the Right to Information, Information and Data Protection Commissioner of Albania; Representative of the International Conference of Information Commissioners

Moderator:

**Ms Elvana Thaçi**, Secretary to the Tromsø Convention treaty bodies

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