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TI BiH is organizing a regional conference entitled „Access to Information and Open Data“ in Sarajevo

Banja Luka, 27th September 2016 -- Transparency International in BiH (TI BiH) is organizing a regional conference „**Access to Information and Open Data**“ which will be a place at which discussions about the right to access the information in BiH and region, as well as the open data as the concept of publicly available data, will take place.

The Law on Free Access to Information has been applying for more than 15 years in Bosnia and Herzegovina, while the notion open data is still rarely used by the public. Institutional and legal framework in the field of access to information of public importance have been different in the countries in the region, and the conference will be a unique opportunity to compare various experiences and open discussion on the most effective protection model. TI BiH will use this opportunity to preliminary present results of its research on transparency in the work of public enterprises in regard to the implementation of the Law on Free Access to Information.

The conference attendees are representatives of the relevant institutions and organizations of civil society from the country and the region. Some of the attendees are **Stanojla Dragic**, Deputy Commissioner for Information of Public Importance and Personal Data Protection of the Republic of Serbia, and **Cveta Trajkovska** on behalf of the Commission for Protection of the Right to Access the Information of Republic of Macedonia.

Conference will be held on **28th September 2016 at the Hotel Holiday Inn in Sarajevo (Zmaj od Bosne 4) with the beginning at 10.30h, and the press conference will take place at 10.00h.** The agenda is attached here.

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Conference: „Access to Information and Open Data“

Sarajevo, 28th September 2016

Hotel Holiday, St. Zmaja od Bosne no. 4, 71000 Sarajevo

Agenda:

- 10:00 – 10:30** Registration of attendees/Press conference
- 10:30 – 10:50** Introductory speeches
- **Aleksandra Martinovic**, Vice-President of the Board of Directors of TI BiH
 - **Emina Halilovic**, Assistant Ombudsman for Human Rights in BiH
- 10:50 – 11:00** **Presentation of TI BiH research on the application of the Law on Free Access to Information in BiH**
- **Marko Vujic**, Transparency International in BiH
- 11:00 – 11:30** **Panel I: Implementation of the Law on Free Access to Information in BiH**
Moderator: **Elvira Mujkic**, Transparency International in BiH
- **Ena Gotovusa**, Public Law Centre, BiH
 - **Ugljesa Vukovic**, Transparency International in BiH
 - **Emir Mehmedovic**, Chief Administrative Inspector BiH
- 11:30 – 11:50** Discussion
- 11:50 – 12:00** **Coffee break**
- 12:00 – 12:50** **Panel II: Regional practice and experience**
Moderator: **Uglješa Vukovic**, Transparency International in BiH
- **Mirjana Popovic**, Center for Investigative Reporting, BiH
 - **Irma Salcin**, Institution of Ombudsman for Human Rights in BiH
 - **Rade Djuric**, Transparency Serbia
 - **Stanojla Mandic**, Deputy Commissioner for Information of Public Importance and Personal Data Protection of the Republic of Serbia
 - **Darko Antik**, Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women of Republic of Macedonia
 - **Cveta Trajkovska**, the Commission for Protection of the Right to Access the Information of Republic of Macedonia
- 12:50 – 13:10** Discussion
- 13:10 – 14:00** **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 14:30** **Panel III: Access to Information and Open Government**
Moderator: **Uglješa Vukovic**, Transparency International in BiH
- **Nermina Voloder**, Analitika
 - **Davor Sebastijan**, Head of information technology department, City of Pula
 - **Elvira Mujkic**, Transparency International in BiH
- 14:30 – 14:50** Discussion and conclusions