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EXCELENTÍSSIMA SENHORA  
PRESIDENTE DA ASSEMBLEIA DA REPÚBLICA

Por determinação de Sua Excelência a  
Presidente da A.R., *Delegado, havendo  
cumprimento documental*

Of. n.º 267/12.ª - CPECC/2013

*- À Sr. SG*

08-08-2013

*- à 12.ª Comissão p/ conhecimento*

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**Assunto:** Participação na conference on transparency of media ownership -  
Brussels, 24 September 2013.

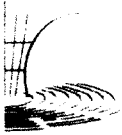
Na sequência do convite, de que junto cópia, que me foi endereçado pela Subcomissão dos Media e da Sociedade de Informação da Assembleia Parlamentar do Conselho da Europa para participar, na qualidade de Presidente da Comissão para a Ética, a Cidadania e a Comunicação, na "Conference on Transparency of Media Ownership", que terá lugar em Bruxelas no próximo dia no dia 24 de setembro de 2013, venho solicitar a Vossa Excelência autorização para a referida deslocação, e que a mesma seja considerada como missão da Assembleia da República, para todos os efeitos.

Mais informo Vossa Excelência que a entidade organizadora cobre os custos com o transporte aéreo e o alojamento.

Com os melhores cumprimentos,

O Presidente da Comissão,

(José Mendes Bota)



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COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media  
*Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias*

Strasbourg, 22 July 2013

Dear Mr Mendes Bota,

Further to our contacts with the secretariat of your national delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, I should like to invite you to the **parliamentary conference on transparency of media ownership** organised by Access Info Europe (Madrid) in co-operation with the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society, to be held in **Brussels on 24 September 2013**.

The purpose of this conference is to analyse and discuss the need for transparency of media ownership in Europe and the role of national parliaments in this regard. Please find attached the draft conference programme. During the conference, interpretation will be provided in English and French.

You are invited in your capacity as chair of the parliamentary committee dealing with media matters in your country. I should be grateful if you would actively participate in the discussion of this subject.

I would appreciate if you could confirm your participation as soon as possible, but no later than 9 September 2013. In case you are not in a position to participate, you may nominate a representative.

The Assembly will cover travel and subsistence expenses, in accordance with its rules, of one participant from your committee. A separate invitation letter containing the details for the reimbursement of costs, and a copy of the rules, will be sent as soon as possible to the person who confirms their participation.

Mr Geza Mezei, Head of Secretariat of the Parliamentary Projects Support Division (phone: +33 3 88 41 21 43, [geza.mezei@coe.int](mailto:geza.mezei@coe.int)) and Mr Rüdiger Dossow, Secretary of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media (phone: +33 3 88 41 28 59, [rudiger.dossow@coe.int](mailto:rudiger.dossow@coe.int)) remain at your disposal for any questions.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

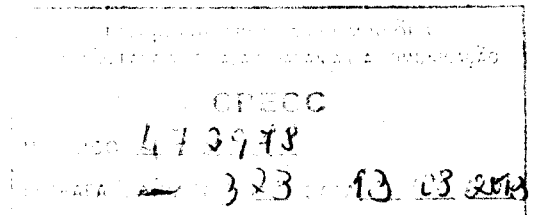
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Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society

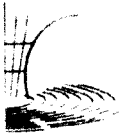
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Mr José Mendes Bota  
Chairman of the Committee for Ethics, Citizenship and Communication  
Assembly of the Republic of Portugal

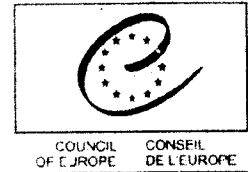
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# **CONFERENCE ON TRANSPARENCY OF MEDIA OWNERSHIP**

**Organised by**

**Open Society Media Program and Access Info (Europe)**

**BRUSSELS, (Venue to be confirmed)**

**24 September 2013**

*In co-operation with the*

**Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society**

**and the**

**Parliamentary Projects Support Division**

## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**24 September 2013, Tuesday**

9:00 **Welcome:** Mark Thompson, Open Society Foundations

**Key note:** Dunja Mijatović, OSCE Representative on-Freedom of the Media  
To speak on the importance/need for transparency of media ownership from a media freedom perspective

9:30 **Opening presentation:**

Fiona Harrison, Access Info Europe

Findings and Recommendations – presentation of Access Info and Open Society Media Program research in 20 countries

10:00 **Panel 1: Challenges, Needs, Best Practices, Policy Options for ensuring Transparency of Media Ownership**

Moderator: Susan Treadwell, Open Society Initiative for Europe

Panellists:

- Andris Mellakauls, Chair of Council of Europe Steering Committee on Media and the Information Society / Ministry of Culture, Latvia
- N.N. (to be confirmed)

11:00 *Coffee and snacks*

11:30 **Panel 2: Transparency of Media Ownership – policy, options, review of recent declarations and commitments, next steps**

Panellists:

- Gülsün Bilgehan, PACE Committee – Rapporteur and Author of Motion on Increasing Media Transparency in Europe
- Renate Weber, MEP, ALDE Group – Promoter of EU Resolution on Media Freedom
- Lorena Boix-Alonso, Head of Unit converging media and content, DG CONNECT

13:00 *Buffet lunch*

## **Session 2:**

### **14:00 Panel 3: Transparency of Media Ownership - the role of parliaments**

Moderator: Deborah Bergamini, Chair of the PACE Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society

Statements by the Chairs of national Committees

Discussion

*16:00 Coffee break*

### **16:30 Panel 4: Transparency of Media Ownership - views from the media**

Moderator: Gülsün Bilgehan, Rapporteur of the PACE Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Panellists *(to be confirmed)*

- the European Federation of Journalists
- the European Newspaper Publishers Association
- the International Federation of the Periodical Press
- the Association of Commercial Television in Europe
- the European Internet Service Providers Association

Discussion

**Wrap Up and Conclusions – Helen Darbishire, Access Info Europe**

*18:00 End of the conference*

## **Background and rationale**

The Assembly in its Resolution 1920 (2013) <sup>1</sup> on "The state of media freedom in Europe" adopted on 24 January 2013 states: "...17. The Assembly regrets that media ownership is not made transparent in all member States and asks them to adopt the necessary provisions to this end. Lack of transparency is typically used to hide political or commercial interests in controlling major media companies. The Assembly calls on member States to take proper action for ensuring media transparency and pluralism and promoting journalistic standards. The Assembly welcomes the report on transparency of media ownership in Europe prepared by Access.Info Europe (Madrid) and the Open Society Media Programme (London) in October 2012 and invites the European Audio-visual Observatory (Strasbourg) to develop further its MAVISE database on media ownership and to provide assistance to its members in establishing transparency of media ownership".

## **Participants**

Parliamentarians from CoE member states.

Representatives of media outlets and media freedom NGOs

## **Language**

The documents will be available in English and French. Working languages will be English and French with simultaneous interpretation provided.

## **Background documents**

To be completed

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<sup>1</sup> <http://assembly.coe.int/ASP/AR/DocX2H-DW-XSL.asp?file=19/1920&lang=EN>