

FOIA.IT - Iniziativa per l'adozione di un Freedom of Information Act in Italia

In occasione del meeting annuale della European Federation of Journalists (il sindacato europeo dei giornalisti), la Federazione Nazionale della Stampa Italiana - FNSI ha presentato l'Iniziativa per l'adozione di un Freedom of Information Act in Italia, unitamente ad una mozione per l'accesso alle informazioni del settore pubblico in tutti gli Stati membri, con particolare riferimento all'Italia. La mozione è stata approvata all'unanimità. Quello che segue è il testo della mozione approvata:

The Annual Meeting of the European Federation of Journalists being held in Bergamo, Italy on 15/17 June 2012

Considering the European Convention of the European Council on 18 June 2009, on the right to access to official documents, which guarantees "the right of everyone, without any kind of discrimination, to accede on request on documents held by public authorities";

Whereas the right of access to information of public administration, recognized in many countries under the name of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), according to the same Convention, "helps the audience to form an opinion on the condition of society and public authorities" and "strengthens integrity, efficiency, effectiveness and responsibilities of public authorities supporting, on this way, the affirmation of their legitimacy";

Whereas the access to information of public management allows any kind of journalism, to exercise more strongly and on behalf of their citizens, its fundamental function of control of institutions;

Whereas the total transparency of documents, including internal ones, of the public administration, is a practical obstacle to the waste and corruption;

Demands the European Federation of Journalists to promote in all the Council of Europe States the introduction of rules inspired by the Freedom of Information Act and to strengthen them, where there were already introduced with enough efficiency and effectiveness;

Requests the Steering Committee to lobby the European Parliament and the EU Member States for an improved Access of Information Regulation and to fight existing attempts by major Member States to significantly weaken access to information during the recast process of the EU regulation on access to documents.

Supports the request of a FOIA advanced on 14 May 2012, in Italy, with the initiative www.foia.it signed by associations, journalists, professors and experts in public administration, supported also by the National Federation of the Italian Journalists (Federazione Nazionale della Stampa Italiana – FNSI).