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Reykjavik forum on anti-terrorist laws and freedom of expression and information

Date: 27 May 2009

Location: Reykjavik (Iceland) – Hilton Nordica Hotel

Organised by the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, and the Institute for Information Law of the University of Amsterdam, with the support of the Icelandic Ministry of Education, Science and Culture

Description: Representatives from Council of Europe member states, the media, civil society and independent experts will discuss whether Council of Europe standards on freedom of expression and information are observed in law and in practice across Europe, in the context of the fight against terrorism.

The forum will give member states an opportunity to share their experience on the impact of anti-terrorism laws on freedom of expression and information.

Participants will include David Thor Björgvinsson, the Icelandic judge at the European Court of Human Rights, Peter Noorlander, Legal Director of the Media Legal Defence Initiative, Andrew McIntosh, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the Media, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Aidan White, President of the International Federation of Journalists, and William Horsley, media freedom representative of the Association of European Journalists.

The forum will be held on the eve of the 1st Council of Europe Conference of Ministers Responsible for Media and New Communication Services, under the theme "A new notion of media?".

Practical information:

- [Programme](#)
- The forum is open to the press

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