

Commercializing Public Sector Information in Europe, U.S.A. and Israel

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Location: Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa

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Objective of the lecture

Analyzing the possibility and the value of commercializing public sector information from a comparative perspective.

Content

On July 11, 2011, the EVPSI Project together with Atlantic Corridor held a seminar on "Commercializing Public Sector Information in Europe, U.S.A., and Israel" in Stresa at the Regina Palace hotel. The lecture as given by Professor Miriam Bitton from the Bar Ilan University Faculty of Law in Israel and a visiting professor at the Miami School of Law. Professor Bitton discussed the subject of commercialization of public sector information in the U.S., European Union and Israel from a comparative, legal and economic perspective. The lecture discussed the status of the right to information under international law, American law and EU law, the approach of these legal regimes concerning commercial uses of public sector information, and also offered a proposal regarding licensing schemes of public sector information. The lecture was followed by a round table discussion in which Professor Gideon Parchomovsky from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and Professor Abraham Bell from the University of San Diego School of Law took part. The event was very successful and informative and we are looking forward to publishing its results in the near future.