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### Project description

The project relates to the implementation of the Access to Public Information Act by public bodies at the central and regional level. The main aim of the project is to contribute to **a more effective realization of constitutional right to access to public information, including its reuse**, by providing citizens and non-governmental organizations the knowledge – supported by analytical evidence – necessary for **civic oversight of implementation of that right, as well as its exercise**.

Achievement of this aim will be ensured by realization of the following specific goals:

- Acquisition of in-depth knowledge, evidence based, on the realization of the right to public information by Polish public institutions at the central and regional level, necessary for civic oversight of implementation of this right, as well as its effective exercise,
- Delivery of this knowledge to target groups,
- Creation of a non-governmental organizations network for an improved transparency of actions by public institutions.

Within the frames of the project, a **ranking of selected central and regional level public institutions** will be prepared based on the Transparency Index, an aggregate indicator which allows for a comparative measurement of the scope and means of implementing the Access to Public Information Act. The project will also encompass an **analysis of access to public information on the legislative process** at the central and regional level; moreover a **network of third sector organizations** will be constituted, with aim to put pressure on public institutions to increase transparency of their actions. The project will also produce a report on the realization of the right to public information and its reuse.

Goals of the project will be realized through the following actions:

1. Comparative analysis of implementation of the Access to Public Information Act by selected units of public administration at the central and regional level, based on the Transparency Index (V 2013 – X 2013)
2. Analysis of access to public information in the lawmaking process at the central and regional level (V 2013 – IV 2014)
3. Drafting of the Report on realization of the right to access public information and to re-use it (IV 2014 – VII 2014)
4. Creation of a network of NGOs for the improved transparency of actions by public institutions (V 2013 – VII 2014)
5. Promotion of the project (V 2013 – VII 2014)

The importance of an effective access to public information and its reuse to the proper functioning of a democracy implies the need for a broad monitoring of how regulations included in the Access to Public Information Act are being implemented, in order to diagnose realization of those rights by public administration and to pressure authorities for improved performance in this area. At the same time, educational actions are needed among citizens to raise their awareness of the Act and ways in which invoked rights may be exercised, with aim to encourage actions towards better access to public information. The project is aimed at creation of instruments, which will allow for realization of above needs. It will also be a first project realized in Poland, which deals with realization of the right to public information in a such a broad approach, equally in terms of the essential knowledge, as well as the institutional and territorial reach.