

Interviews with CSOs - Questions

1. Do you have the legal right to know what information is held on your organisation by businesses or public authorities? Should you have that right in northern Cyprus?
2. Do you have the right to access information about the structure and functions of public institutions? Do you have access to budgets, plans and programmes?
3. Do you have access to information on the public tenders and awarded contracts by public bodies?
4. What domestic laws are you aware of, if any, that give people rights to obtain information from public authorities?
5. What classes of information would you need to access? Do you know which authority holds that information? How can you access it?
6. Does your civil organisation have access to information that will help it to actively participate in decision-making procedures? Have you been directly involved in such procedures? Do these procedures work out efficiently?
7. Are you aware of any international legislation regarding the right to access information, transparency and accountability of the public institutions?
8. Would you need access to information held by public bodies in the southern part of the island? What classes of information would you need?
9. Imagine that you are the only legislator in Cyprus: would you set any limitations or exceptions to the right of citizens to access information held by public institutions? If so, on what basis?
10. Thank you and your organization for participating in this research. Would you like to add something?