



## PRESS RELEASE

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### *The recipients of the Golden Key and Rusty Lock to be announced*

The annual "Golden Key and Rusty Lock" award ceremony will take place on 26 September 2014 in Yerevan. The ceremony is devoted to the International Right to Know Day and is organized in the frame of Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion Project funded by the European Union.

The Golden Keys awards will be awarded as a symbol of openness and transparency, and the Rusty Lock awards will be awarded as a symbol of secrecy.

The nominees are selected by an Independent Jury represented by local and international organizations' members, journalists, and scientists in the field. The Jury sums up the results of the monitoring conducted by the Freedom of Information Centre of Armenia (FOICA) and their own experience. Another source for unbiased decision-making is the monthly black list of those officials and institutions which infringed people's right to access to information (quarterly composed by the Freedom of Information Center). The selection criteria for the most open and secret agencies can be found at <http://www.foi.am/en/award-standards>. The previous years results are available here <http://www.foi.am/en/awards-winners/>. Since 2002 more than 100 countries celebrated 28 September as the International Right to Know Day. The FOI Annual Award Ceremony is held in Armenia since 2003 when the Armenian Freedom of Information Law was adopted. It is organized by the FOICA jointly with its partner NGOs. The ceremony has become an important awareness raising campaign tool and a stimulus for developing good access to information practices by public bodies.

The project is funded by the European Union and implemented by the "Armenian Young Lawyers Association" NGO in partnership with the FOICA NGO. The project duration is 3 years (January 2014 – December 2016) and its budget is 650.000 EUR.

#### NOTE TO EDITORS!

All journalists are welcome to cover the event. Please find the contact details of the project below.

**Armenian Young Lawyers Association** (AYLA) was established in 1995 with a Mission to promote to the establishment of the rule of law, democracy and formation of the civil society in Armenia, where the people are aware of their rights and their rights are protected.

**Freedom of Information Center** in Armenia (FOICA) operates over 10 years. The Mission of FOICA is to promote application of the RA Freedom of Information Law, contribute to the transparency and openness of the Armenian government system and to stimulate civic society's involvement in the governance system.

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