
Press release

Public hearing concerning the regulation of the lobby activity

The Advocacy Academy Association together with the Pro Democracy Association and The Center for Legal Resources organizes on the 18th of February 2003, between 11-13 o'clock, at the AB saloon/hall of the Marriott Hotel, Bucharest, a session of public hearings on the "How do we regulate the lobby activity in Romania?" topic.

In the last period, within the civil society, debates regarding the lobby activity, the lobbyist profession, the role of the NGOs, as well as the corresponding manners of regulating them initiated. The public hearing from 18 February 2003 was conceived in order to obtain the contribution of all the involved parts to the regulation of the lobby activity.

During this forum, all the participants: parliamentarians, organizations' presidents, attorneys, journalists, etc., respect the same rules for the presentation, and their result is presented in the form of a final report. This report will be presented to the legislative and executive authorities, to the NGOs, to the interested mass-media, to the donating organizations and to the other involved parts.

The public hearings are different from the other forms of consultation in its strict regulations for the organization and development of the debates. The initiative committee elaborated a regulation within which this session of public hearings will be carried on, in order to assure the free expression of all the depositions regarding the debating topic. More than that, a panel of experts was created in order to assure the independent processing and the professional analysis of the opinions expressed within the depositions.

What do we intend with this event?

To collect as many points of view of the groups of interests upon a subject that has consistent effects in a democratic process.

To present a procedure for consulting the groups of interests, rigorous and with significant results for those who decide.

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The Center for Legal Resources – www.crj.ro,
The Center for Legal Resources supports and assists the Romanian society in the European integration process, especially in the "Justice and Internal Affairs" field, hoping that, by harmonizing the Romanian legal system with the communitarian acquires purviews, Romania can come closer to the fulfillment of its aspirations.

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The mission of the Pro Democracy Association is to strengthen the democracy in Romania by stimulating the civic participation.