

# NEWSLETTER (November, 2014)

## IMPROVING THE PRACTICE OF PROACTIVE DISCLOSURE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION - PRESENTATION OF THREE STUDIES

On 24th November three studies, prepared in the frames of the project Improving the Practice of Compliance with the Proactive Disclosure of Public Information Obligation by State Authorities of Georgia have been presented. Studies were prepared by IDFI and GYLA.

IDFI also presented the proactive disclosure rating of state agencies.



### PRACTICE OF PROACTIVE DISCLOSURE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION IN STATE AGENCIES

IDFI studied to what extent 133 public entities fulfilled their obligation deriving from The Decree on the Electronic Request and Proactive Disclosure of Public Information. Research analyzed the best and worst cases of proactive disclosure at the websites of public institutions

### INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE OF PROACTIVE DISCLOSURE

IDFI prepared case studies of three foreign countries (Australia, Canada, Italy), describing and analyzing their practice of publishing public information online, on the websites of

public institutions.

### MEETING THE OBLIGATION TO DISCLOSE PUBLIC INFORMATION BY THE PUBLIC ENTITIES (GYLA)

The research enshrines data received from 17 public entities. Precisely, the practice of responding to the FOI requests implemented by the Parliament of Georgia, the Ministries as well as by the Supreme Court of Georgia was assessed;

### THE NUMBER OF MOTIONS ON SECRET SURVEILLANCE HAS DECREASED

IDFI is continuously observing the process of openness and access to the information about motions on secret surveillance.

IDFI have published a number of [studies](#) on the statistics of telephone surveillance.

According to the data, received from Ministry of Internal Af-

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A graphic of a magnifying glass with a black handle and frame. The lens is focused on the text "BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING" which is written in red, bold, capital letters. The background of the magnifying glass area is a grid of binary code (0s and 1s).

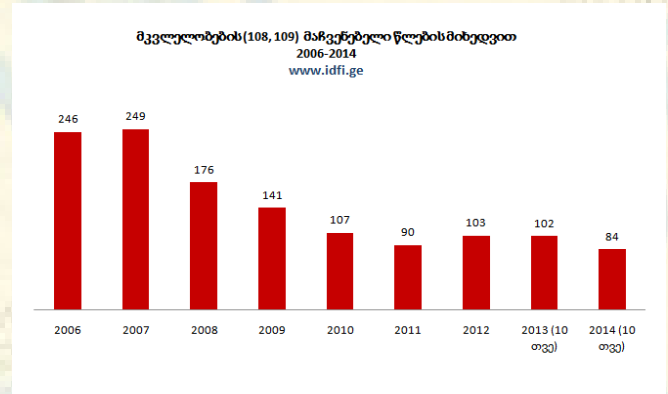
### AFTER IDFI'S STATEMENT, RADIO SPUTNIK STOPPED BROADCASTING IN GEORGIA

IDFI released the statement on the project carried out by „Россия сегодня. Considering high public interest, IDFI calls on “R-Radio” to disclose the contract which was signed between the company and “RIA Novosti”. It is also important that the company gives explanation on how they will control protection of editorial priorities, correct misinformation and disseminate its refusal.

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## STATISTICS OF MURDERS IN GEORGIA

According to the received information from MIA, IDFI has prepared the research on statistics of murders. The highest rate of murders was depicted in 2007 followed by gradual decrease till 2012 when certain increase of crime was noticeable.



## 2013 DATA FROM THE ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE STATE-REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNORS

IDFI has published various public information of the administrations of the state representative governors in different regions of Georgia. All detailed information is available on [www.opendata.ge](http://www.opendata.ge)

## 2013 DATA FROM ACHARA REGION

In March, 2014 IDFI requested public information from self-governmental entities of Autonomous republic of Adjara. IDFI published various public information, precisely about bonuses, representative costs, autopark, etc.

## GEORGIA 2020

IDFI together with the Bremen University and with the financial support of Federal Foreign Office Germany started implementing the Project: “Strategic Plan Georgia 2020 – Strengthening Public Involvement (ZigB)”.

## STATEMENT REGARDING CHANGES IN SOCIAL ADVERTISEMENT LAW

IDFI, Media Advocacy coalition, media organizations and other civil society members released the statement on changes in legislation regarding social advertisement that was adopted by Parliament of



Georgia at the thirds hearing.  
Statement authors called the President of Georgia to veto the draft.

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