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Alliance of Independent Press Councils of Europe (AIPCE) meets in Berlin

The 10th annual meeting of the Alliance of Independent Press Councils of Europe (AIPCE) took place in Berlin on the 23rd and 24th of October. Representatives from over twenty Press and Media Councils took part in the two-day conference, which was generously hosted by the Deutscher Presserat. Delegates discussed a number of topics including the importance of Press Council accountability and the practical implications of dealing with complaints about Internet content. The Alliance also backed ongoing efforts towards establishing self-regulatory organs in France and Hungary.

AIPCE was established in London in 1999 and is a loose network of independent content regulators for both press and broadcast media. Its annual conferences provide a forum for Media and Press Council representatives to discuss topical issues, to exchange ideas and to offer and receive advice. There is no formal membership and no central secretariat. For more information about the Alliance please visit www.aipce.net.

Delegates from the following countries participated in the conference: Armenia, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Kosovo, Luxemburg, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK. Representatives from the OSCE and UNESCO also attended as observers.

The 2007 AIPCE conference was hosted by the PCC in Edinburgh. For more details, click <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.

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