

Europa-Rat: Internet-Charter

The *Council of Europe* has commissioned a draft „Charter on public access and freedom of expression in the networked environment“.

The Charter is intended to provide guidance

- for the managers of public access points,
- the governing bodies to which those managers report, and
- the Governments which lay down the policy frameworks within which public access is provided.

Consultation on the draft Charter is currently taking place, and it is hoped that comments will be received from actual or potential public access point users, those with a professional, business, or civil interest in the provision of public access, and by anyone else responsible for providing or managing public access points.

Comments will be used to further develop the Charter, so that it can be accepted as Council of Europe policy. The draft Charter, and opportunities to comment, can be found at:

<http://culture.coe.fr/postsummit/nti/en/project/helsinki/edraft_charter.htm>

Please take the time to view the draft and provide feedback in order that the widest possible consultation may take place.

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