

FOI CASE LAW DATABASE

User Guide

To ease navigation this database uses four search functions described below. Results are displayed below the search field in a tabular format.

ALL CASES – default option. Lists all cases available in the database in a tabular format that can be organized alphabetically by Title, Country, Year and Type of Court/Arbiter by clicking on the small arrow next to the search criteria.

SEARCH – free text search in all database fields. Gives you an option to look for any word or phrase in any field of the case summary.

ADVANCED SEARCH – allows search according to seven categories and an additional free text field. Results are filtered to records that meet all search requirements.

- **Case title** (free text)
- **Country** (drop-down list)
- **Year of decision** (free text)
- **Decision** (free text in the Decision field of the case summary). Each summary has Decision filed that summarizes the main points of the case in two to three sentences. By filling in this field, you will perform a search only in that field.
- **Court/Arbiter** (drop-down list). Enables you to search cases decided by first instance, appellate, supreme, constitutional and international courts (European Court of Human Rights - ECHR, European Union Courts – EU, Inter-American Court of Human Rights –IACHR and UN Human Right Committee – UN)
- **Law** (drop-down list). Enables you to filter cases according to the type of law referred to in the decision (Administrative Procedure Law, ATI Law, Constitution, Data Protection Law/Privacy Law, Environmental Law, Secrecy Law, Other Law)
- **Case keywords** (drop-down list). Each case is tagged with relevant keywords. This field facilitates search by keywords. Keywords are organized according to categories: Basis for Disclosure, Reasons for Non-Disclosure, Categories of Information, Bodies Addressed, Parties, Oversight, Process.

KEYWORD SEARCH – displays keywords in a tabular format. Clicking on a keyword generates a list of cases tagged with that keyword. Displays only those keywords that have a cases tagged to it.