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# ICIC XVII Regional Report Europe

Reporting Period

2025-2026



# 1. Regional Overview

- Regional Report **Europe**
- Reporting Period covers June 2025 to August 2026
- The report is based on feedback received from 13 authorities



## 2. Priority Developments

- **Albania** was elected ICIC Chair and Secretariat
- Establishment of the **European** Network ENTR
- FOI Under Pressure in **Germany**
- Changes to the organisational structure of **ICO**
- **Ukraine** facing challenge between openness and protection of national security



### 3. Emerging Trends, Risks, and Opportunities

- **Kosovo** participated in a TALEX Twinning with Estonia
- **Germany** (federal) twinning with **North-Macedonia**
- **UK**: Rise of FOI complaints
  - **over 40% year on year during 2025/26**
- **Scotland**: Requests rose by 13%; Appeals 83% increase
  - **Increasing use of AI found in appeals and requests**



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- **France** reports growing number of requests
- **Almost 15.000 compared to 11.000 in 2024**





# Thank you for your attention!

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