



ARISA 2: Assessing the Risk of Isolation of Suspects and Accused: The Role of the Media

9 million are prosecuted every year in the EU.
Many of them are never found guilty.

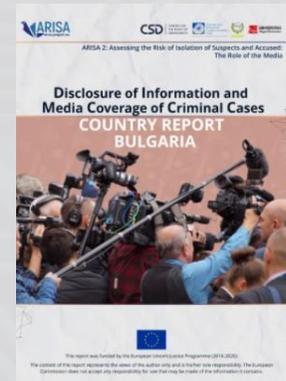
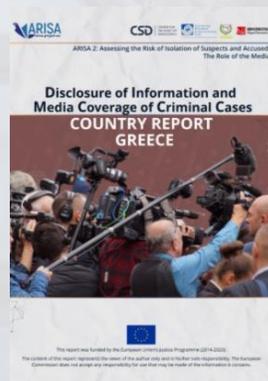
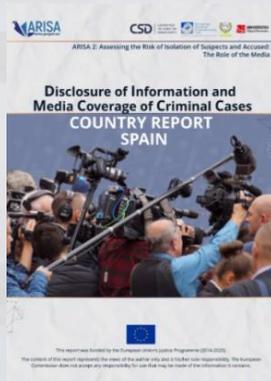
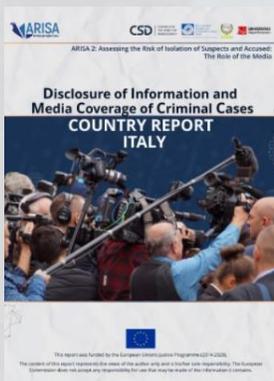
Our goal is to enhance the presumption of innocence in criminal proceedings and minimise, as much as possible, the negative impact of investigations on the lives of suspects and accused.

The Presumption of Innocence

Impact of Investigation

Damage Control

Newest Highlights



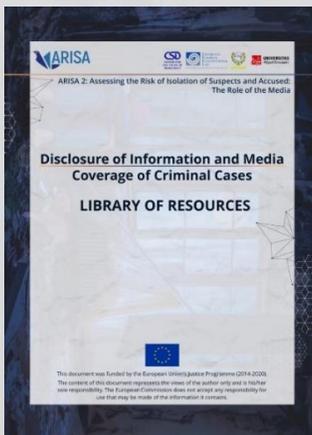
The reports explore the approaches used in Italy, Spain, Greece and Bulgaria to regulate the media coverage of criminal proceedings and the disclosure of information about suspects and accused persons. They give overviews of the legal rules governing the public disclosure of information during criminal proceedings and examine the communication between criminal justice authorities and the media, including the access of the media to pending criminal cases, among other focal points.

Publications and Events



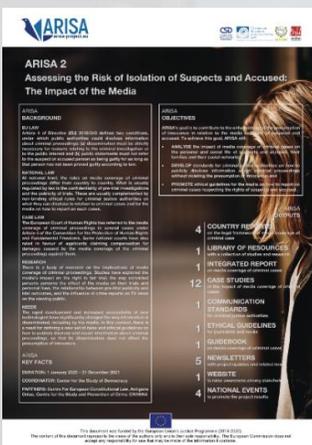
Media Coverage of Criminal Proceedings: Case Study Guidelines

The objective of this methodology is to provide a set of guidelines for identification, evaluation and presentation in a structured and comparable manner of actual court cases, their media coverage and the impact of this coverage on those involved in the proceedings (with a special focus on the suspect or accused person).



Library of Resources: Disclosure of Information and Media Coverage of Criminal Cases

The Library of Resources: Disclosure of Information and Media Coverage of Criminal Cases has the objective of providing background information and contextual data for all interested stakeholders on the relationship between the criminal justice system and the traditional, electronic and social media.



ARISA 2: Project Outline

The Arisa 2 Project Outline offers key insights into the background, objectives, and main outputs.

News and Resources

[Complaint to the European Commission on presumption of innocence in Bulgaria](#)

Bulgarian LEAP member Asya Mandzhukova wrote to the European Commission to complain about the lack of transposition and repeated violations of the EU Presumption of Innocence Directive by several Bulgarian authorities including the Prosecutor's Office.



[Media Trials Undermine the Presumption of Innocence: Gulshan Attack in Bangladesh](#)

The blame is not solely on the media, as their job is to report for the public, but because criminal procedure is not followed, and arrests can happen so easily, evidence gathered during an investigation can be leaked and shared in media.



[Why police violence is a media problem](#)

This tense contradiction cuts both ways. As Stuart Hall and his colleagues detailed in their path-breaking book *Policing the Crisis* now more than 40 years ago, it is the sensationalism, violence and moral spectacle of crime that underpins its newsworthiness, which is why person-to-person crimes like murder and assault have always been so overrepresented in crime reporting.

