

# Uncovering corruption risks in European Union institutions

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TI School on Integrity



# Why examine EU corruption risks?



## APATHY

The price of apathy towards public affairs is to be ruled by evil men. ~Plato

(Photo source: [ec.europa.eu](http://ec.europa.eu))

# Why examine EU corruption risks?

Large volume of legislation made by the EU...

# 1071

Legislative acts passed 2009-2014

# 1355

Legislative acts passed 2004-2009



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# Why examine EU corruption risks?



Value of contracts governed by  
EU procurement rules (2009 – EU27) =

**420bn EUR**

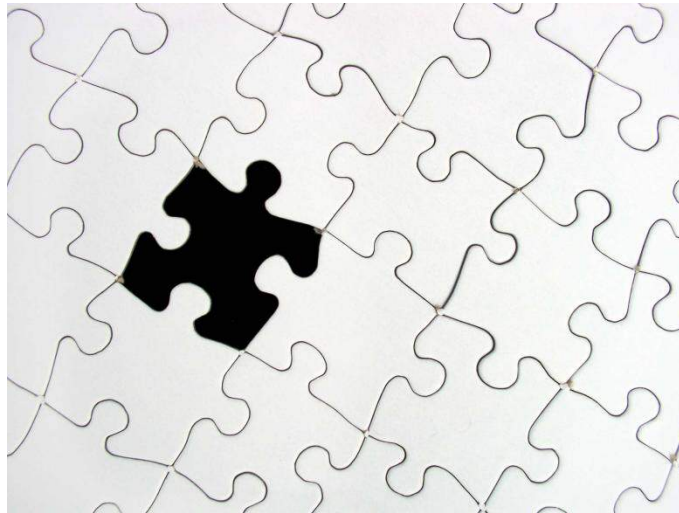
Annual EU budget =

**140bn EUR**

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# Why examine EU corruption risks?

- **Corruption risks remain a threat to national level in Europe**
  - 2012: TI did studies in 25 European countries
  - 2014: EU Anti-Corruption Report (ACR) identified problems in all MS



*...missing piece of the puzzle: **EU level**...*

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# Why examine EU corruption risks?

- **Trust in EU institutions is low:** confidence, legitimacy needs to be restored

**70%**

of EU citizens think corruption exists in the institutions

**52%**

don't think institutions help in reducing corruption in Europe

*(Source: Eurobarometer)*

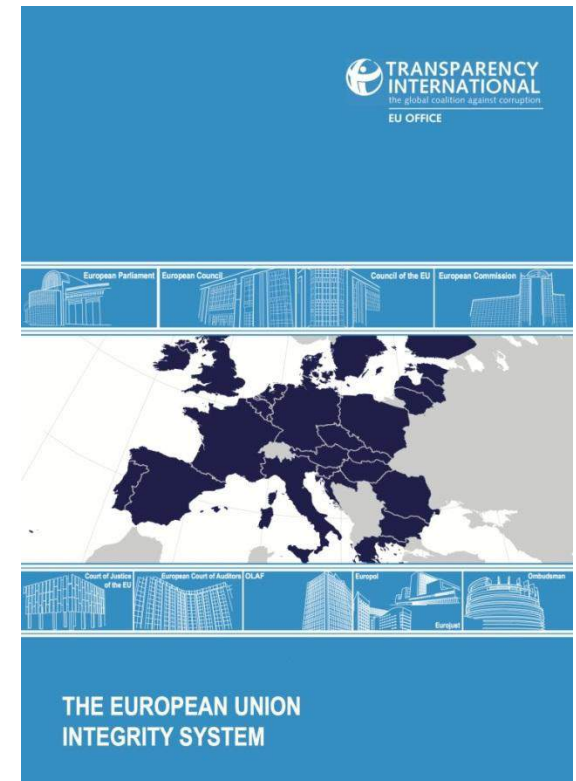


- **Recent scandals** show vulnerability of EU to corruption....



# The EU Integrity System study

- The EU Integrity System (EUIS) report
- Released in April 2014
- **1<sup>st</sup> study of its kind at the EU level**



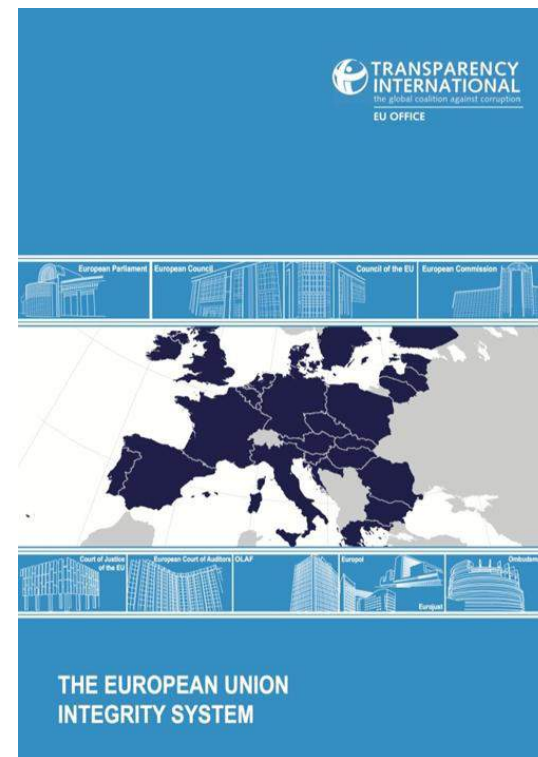
# What do these terms mean?

- **Based on 'National Integrity System' methodology** developed by TI
  - assesses anti-corruption efforts in gov. sectors at national level
- **Integrity system**
  - 'Key institutions and actors in EU governance system that have role to play in preventing corruption and promoting integrity'
- **Corruption**
  - 'The abuse of entrusted power for private gain'
- **Integrity**
  - 'Behaviours/actions consistent with moral and ethical principles/standards that create a barrier to corruption'



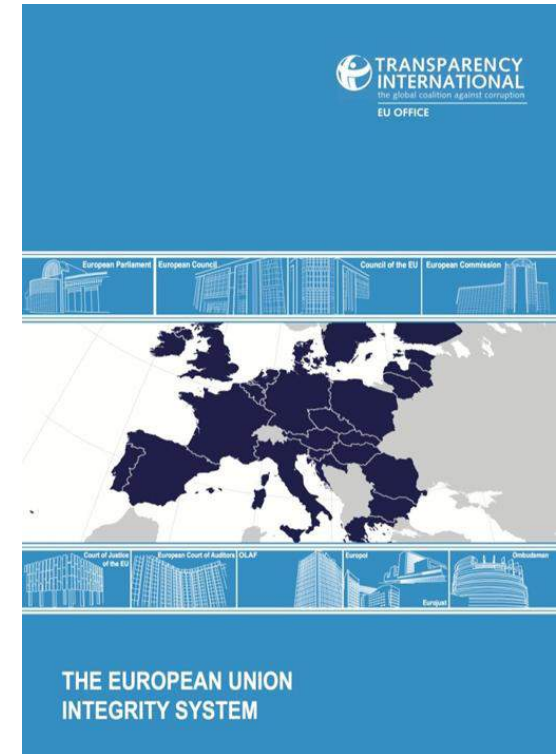
# What does the EUIS study assess? (I)

- **10 EU institutions, bodies and agencies** ('institutions') covered
  - **4 'core': European Parliament, European Council, Council of Ministers, European Commission**
  - **6 'control': Court of Justice of EU, European Court of Auditors, OLAF, Europol & Eurojust, European Ombudsman**



## What does the EUIS study assess? (II)

- Assessment of **how EU institutions**
  - Deal with **internal corruption risks**
  - **Foster** public sector **integrity**
  - Contribute to the **fight against corruption** in Europe
- The **EUIS** is **NOT**:
  - *a comparison with national level or other international bodies, or*
  - *an investigation into specific corruption cases*



## How was study done?

- **Review of rules and practice** on independence; transparency; accountability; integrity (internal ethics)
- *Also:* resources; role(s) contributing to integrity/anti-corruption in system
- **Desk research** on rules and legal framework (analysis of ‘law’)
  - Inc. requests for access to EU documents
- **Interviews** with figures within EU institutions (analysis of ‘practice’)
- **Research carried out over 9 months** from mid-2013 to early 2014
- **Advisory Group** of experts to guide research, gathering
  - Current/former members of institutions
  - Representatives from civil society, media, academia, private sector

## Positive findings: overall system

- General rules provide **good foundation to support integrity, transparency and accountability** e.g.
  - **Financial regulation**
  - **Internal financial controls** at all institutions
  - General **staff rules**
  - Legal **right of public access to documents**
  - Mechanisms for **investigating maladministration, fraud, corruption** and mechanisms for **judicial oversight** and review
    - being used actively, with variation across institutions



## Positive findings: overall system

- Growing sensitivity to ethics issues and anti-corruption
  - Commission **'ethics correspondents'** in each department
  - **Anti-fraud strategies** at dept level being developed with OLAF
  - **Ethics trainings** for staff e.g. at ECA, COM
  - Ombudsman's **'Public Service Principles'**
  - **Anti-corruption dimension** in European Council roadmaps for justice, freedom and security
  - EU anti-fraud/anti-corruption **legislation** e.g. anti-money laundering
  - **EU Anti-Corruption Report** in 2014





But despite the **good foundation**, the **structure is shakier than expected** due to **complex rules, complacency, and lack of follow-up by the institutions**, meaning **corruption risks persist at the EU level**

...for example...



# Opaque EU decision-making & lobbying

- **1549** trilogue meetings from 2009-2014 but **no public record**
- **15000** lobbyists in BXL but **no mandatory rules** on contact or input
- **79%** of docs requested from EP in 2012 were already public: concerns on **quality and usability of information** published by institutions

RECOMMENDATION:  
**PROMOTE A POLICY OF 'TRANSPARENCY BY DEFAULT'  
IN EU DECISION-MAKING**

- Introduce a 'legislative footprint'
- Mandatory **EU lobby register**
- **Publish all documents from law-making process**
- **Proactively publish documents on decision-making**

## Poor mgmt of conflicts of interest; complex/inconsistent ethics rules (I)

- Checks on asset declarations largely a '**box-ticking**' exercise
- **Self-regulation** the norm: ethics c'ttees lack independence and teeth
- **3 years, 18 months, or...** 'cooling' off periods vary by institution
- **>1/3** of staff queries to COM HR dept in 2012 on rules on ext. activities
- **Clearing House** meetings between OLAF and COM: no oversight

RECOMMENDATION:

### MANAGE EFFECTIVELY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OF SENIOR EU DECISION-MAKERS

- Objective, transparent **appointment procedures** for all key positions.
- **Bring conflicts of interest policies** up to international standards (e.g. OECD)

# Poor mgmt of conflicts of interest; complex/inconsistent ethics rules (II)

## RECOMMENDATION: MANAGE EFFECTIVELY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OF SENIOR EU DECISION-MAKERS

- Introduce **fully independent ethics bodies** at all institutions
- Empower **OLAF** or **ECA** to **verify asset declarations**
- Establish **OLAF's full organisational independence**

## Weak protection for EU whistle-blowers

- **1 out of 10** institutions has internal whistle-blowers procedures despite legal duty on staff to report illegal/unethical activity

RECOMMENDATION:

**PUT IN PLACE EFFECTIVE INTERNAL WHISTLE-BLOWING PROCEDURES**

- All institutions should develop **harmonised, internal whistle-blowing procedures.**

## Weak sanctions for corrupt companies

- **7** companies banned (debarred) from EU public procurement at end 2013 due to evidence of corruption
- **30** EU actors banned by World Bank between 2010-2013

RECOMMENDATION:

### IMPROVE THE EU'S DEBARMENT SYSTEM

- COM should **make concerted use of its discretionary powers** to exclude legal entities guilty of 'grave professional misconduct' from EU public procurement, and **make database of debarred companies public**

# Inconsistent follow-up to corruption cases

- **46%** of OLAF cases passed on to MS followed up by judicial authorities  
*(Source: OLAF)*
- **2%** of Eurojust cases registered as corruption-related in 2012

## RECOMMENDATION:

### **ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR WITH BROAD ANTI-CORRUPTION POWERS**

- The Council should ensure the **establishment of a European Public Prosecutor**, and the European Council should ensure that **serious, cross-border EU crimes**, including corruption, are a part of its mandate



## Next steps

- EU should **address corruption risks before they become corruption scandals**
  - Growing attention paid to ethics and anti-corruption, but **too often the EU has reacted to events** to push forward the agenda
- **EU at a moment of change**
  - The EUIS report **identifies integrity gaps** that require action and is a **tool** for new leadership
- New leadership must **demonstrate renewed commitment** to open and ethical governance
  - Not only to **change public perceptions and bolster legitimacy**
  - But also to **contribute to better governance** in EU and ensure highest possible standards of public service in EU

# How can YOU hold the institutions to account?

- Getting hold of **information** on how the EU is working is key....but what is out there and how can you access it?
- EU is obliged to be **open to citizens**, and to involve civil society  
(*Treaty on EU, arts. 10, 11*)
- Access to EU documents is a **fundamental right**  
(*Charter of Fundamental Rights, art. 42*)
- How to make use of the right to access EU documents (not information!) is defined in a **specific EU law** (*Regulation 1049/2001*)



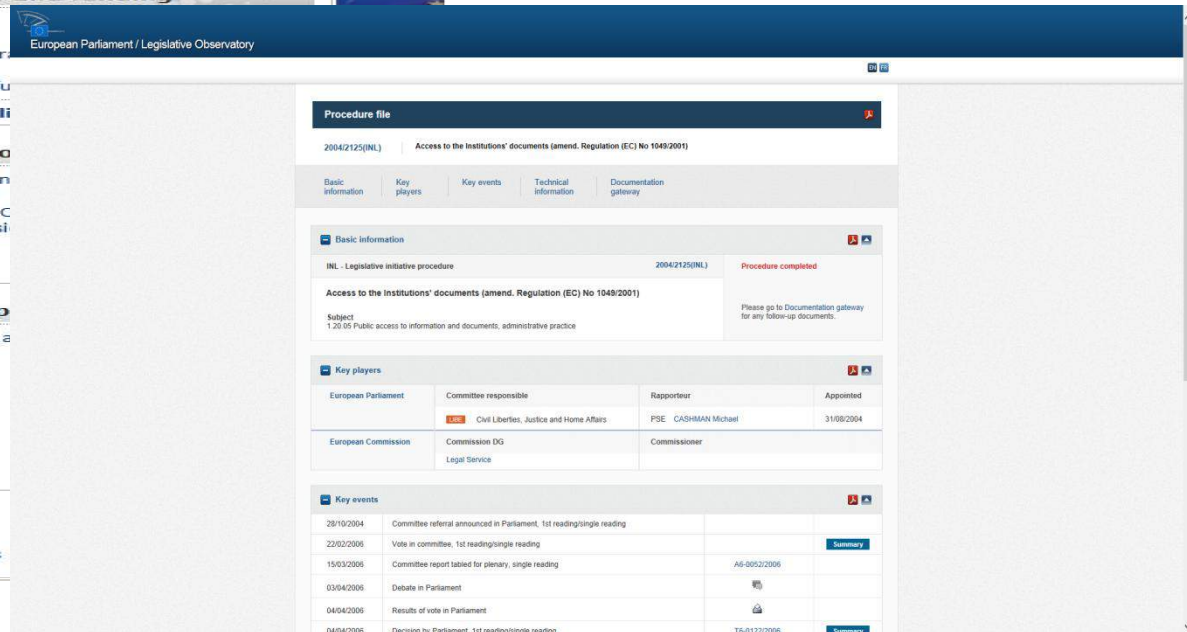
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Comisión Europea

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Referencia:

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[http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/access\\_documents/registers\\_of\\_documents\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/access_documents/registers_of_documents_en.htm)

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**08:00** EXCHANGES - ESA **16:9**

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**08:43** Informal meeting of Justice and Home Affairs Ministers, Milan **LIVE 16:9**

Arrivals (Home Affairs)

Roundtable (Home Affairs)

**10:33** ECA press conference **LIVE 16:9**

EU spending on renewable energy needs improvements to enhance its contribution to policy goals, say EU Auditors

**11:30** NEWS - EbS 1 **16:9**

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Economic and Financial Affairs Council

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High level meeting to coordinate international support for Ukraine

**12:02** EC Midday press briefing of 08/07/2014 **LIVE 16:9**

ENVIRONMENT - Midday statement by Connie HEDEGAARD, Member of the EC in charge of Climate Action, on NER300 2nd award decision - A €2 billion

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**06:30** NEWS - EbS E (rerun of yesterday's NEWS - EbS) **16:9**

**08:17** Economic and Financial Affairs arrivals **LIVE 16:9**

Start of the arrivals

Arrival and doorstep (in English) by Pier Carlo PADOAN, Minister of Economy and Finance of Italy

Continuation of the arrivals

Arrival and doorstep (in Dutch and English) by Jeroen DIJSELBLOEM, Minister of Finance of The Netherlands

Continuation of the arrivals

Arrival and doorstep (in Spanish) by Luis DE GUINDOS JURADO, Spanish Minister for Economic Affairs and Competitiveness

Arrival and doorstep (in German) by Jochen DANNINGER, Austrian State Secretary in the Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance

Continuation of the arrivals

**09:45** Economic and Financial Affairs Council preview **16:9**

Preview of the 3327th Council, on Economic and Financial Affairs

**09:58** High level meeting to coordinate international support for Ukraine **LIVE 16:9**

Opening remarks by Stefan FÜLE, Member of the EC in charge of Enlargement and European Neighbourhood

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Action Type: All

Amount: = 999999.99 €

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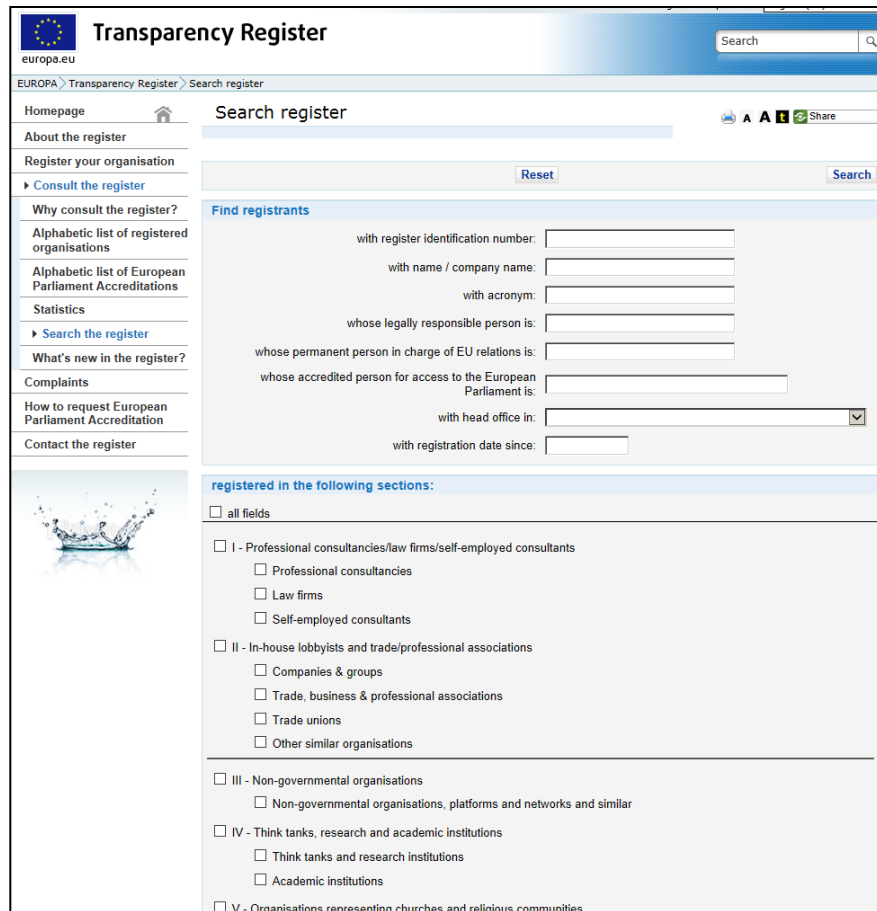
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# Accessing information on the EU: who is lobbying the institutions?



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☐ Trade unions

☐ Other similar organisations

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☐ Think tanks and research institutions


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









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**I.1. Posts held over the last 10 years, in foundations or similar bodies**  
Non-executive member of "Instituto Francisco Sá Carneiro"

**I.2. Posts held over the last 10 years in educational institutions**

- Head of the International Relations Department, *Lusitana University* 95/99
- Professor of International Relations, *Lusitana University* 95/99
- Visiting Professor at the Department of Government and School of Foreign Service (Centre for German and European Studies), *Georgetown University*, Washington DC 96/98

**I.3. Post held over the last 10 years in the governing, supervisory and advisory organs of companies and other bodies devoted to commercial or economic activities.**  
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**I.4. Other professional activities held over the last 10 years, including services, liberal profession, consulting activities.**  
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**II. OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES**

**II.1. Posts currently held in foundations, similar bodies or educational institution**

- Honorary Patron of the "European Union Youth Orchestra" (*orchestra of 140 players from all 27 Member States*)
- Honorary member of the Board of Patrons of the "European Strategy Forum" (*strategic instrument to develop the scientific integration of Europe*)

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Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

Member

Germany  
Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands  
Born on 20 December 1955, Wehrath

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Familienname: **SCHULZ**

Vorname: **Martin**

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Unternehmen, nichtstaatlichen Organisationen, Verbänden oder sonstigen rechtmäßig  
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2. Bürgermeister von Würselen	X			
3. Geschäftsführer VaBW Alsdorf		X		
4.				
5.				
6.				

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2. 1001 EUR bis 5000 EUR monatlich;  
3. 5001 EUR bis 10.000 EUR monatlich;  
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Amelia ANDERSDOTTER (Greens/EFA, Sweden)


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## MEP >> Amelia ANDERSDOTTER







**Start of mandate:** 01.12.2011  
**Last name:** ANDERSDOTTER  
**First name:** Amelia  
**Born:** 30.08.1987, Uppsala  
**Group:** Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance  
**Party:** Piratpartiet  
**Committees:** Industry, Research and Energy (Member)  
 International Trade (Substitute)  
 Budgetary Control (Substitute)

**VoteMatch ranking**  Position EU-wide: 153 (1181 points)  Full EU-Wide ranking  My personal ranking

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Date	Name of document	MEP's vote	Loyal / Rebel to political group
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17.04.2014	Commission follow-up to the 'TOP TEN' Consultation of SMEs on EU Regulation - Motion for resolution - Paragraph 21		Didn't vote
17.04.2014	Commission follow-up to the 'TOP TEN' Consultation of SMEs on EU Regulation - Motion for resolution - Paragraph 19, amendment 23		Loyal
17.04.2014	Estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2015 - Section I - Parliament - Motion for resolution - Paragraph 4, amendment 9A		Loyal








## Parliamentary activities

**Participation in roll-call votes:**  
**75.87%** 3487 out of 4596 votes in the plenary.  
 Ranking: 636th

**Loyalty to political group:**  
**91.11%** 3177 out of 3487 votes  
 Ranking: 582nd

**Loyalty to national party:**  
**100.00%** 3172 out of 3172 votes  
 Ranking: 1st

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1 Motions for resolutions:	4	491st	
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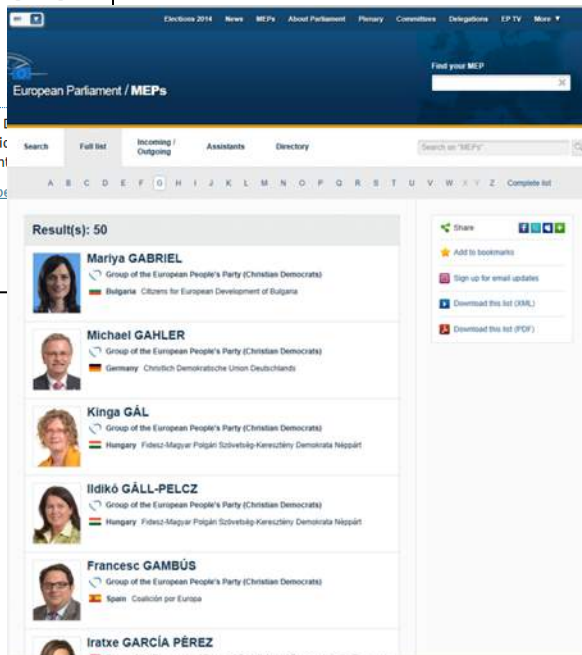
# Who can help you?



The screenshot shows the Europe Direct website. At the top is the European Union flag and the text "Europe Direct" and "europa.eu". Below this is a navigation bar with "EUROPA" and "Europe Direct". The main content area features the "europe direct" logo and the heading "Questions about the EU? Europe Direct can help". Below this is a paragraph explaining the service: "I'm moving abroad in Europe – how do I get a residence permit? What are the rules on roaming charges? My flight's been cancelled - what are my rights? What EU grants can my organisation apply for? For the answers to all these questions and more, contact **Europe Direct central information service**." Below this paragraph is a link: "What exactly does Europe Direct offer?". On the left side, there is a "Telephone" section with the number "00 800 6 7 8 9 10 11" and a list of services: "from anywhere in the EU", "9.00-18.00 CET (weekdays)", "in any official EU language.", "Service offered", "Is it a free service?", and "Scheduled callback". On the right side, there is an "In your country" section with a list of countries and a link: "Find your nearest Europe Direct centre".

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[http://europa.eu/europedirect/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/europedirect/index_en.htm)



The screenshot shows the European Parliament website. At the top is a navigation bar with "Elections 2014", "News", "MEPs", "About Parliament", "Plenary", "Committees", "Delegations", "EP TV", and "More". Below this is a search bar with the text "Find your MEP". The main content area features the heading "European Parliament / MEPs" and a list of MEPs. The list includes: "Mariya GABRIEL" (Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats), Bulgaria, Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria), "Michael GAHLER" (Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats), Germany, Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands), "Kings GÁL" (Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats), Hungary, Fidesz-Magyar Polgár Szövetség-Keresztény Demokrata Néppárt), "Ildikó GÁLL-PELCZ" (Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats), Hungary, Fidesz-Magyar Polgár Szövetség-Keresztény Demokrata Néppárt), "Francesc GAMBÚS" (Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats), Spain, Coalición por Europa), and "Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ" (Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats), Spain, Coalición por Europa). On the right side, there is a sidebar with a "Share" button, "Add to bookmarks", "Sign up for email updates", "Download this list (XML)", and "Download this list (PDF)".

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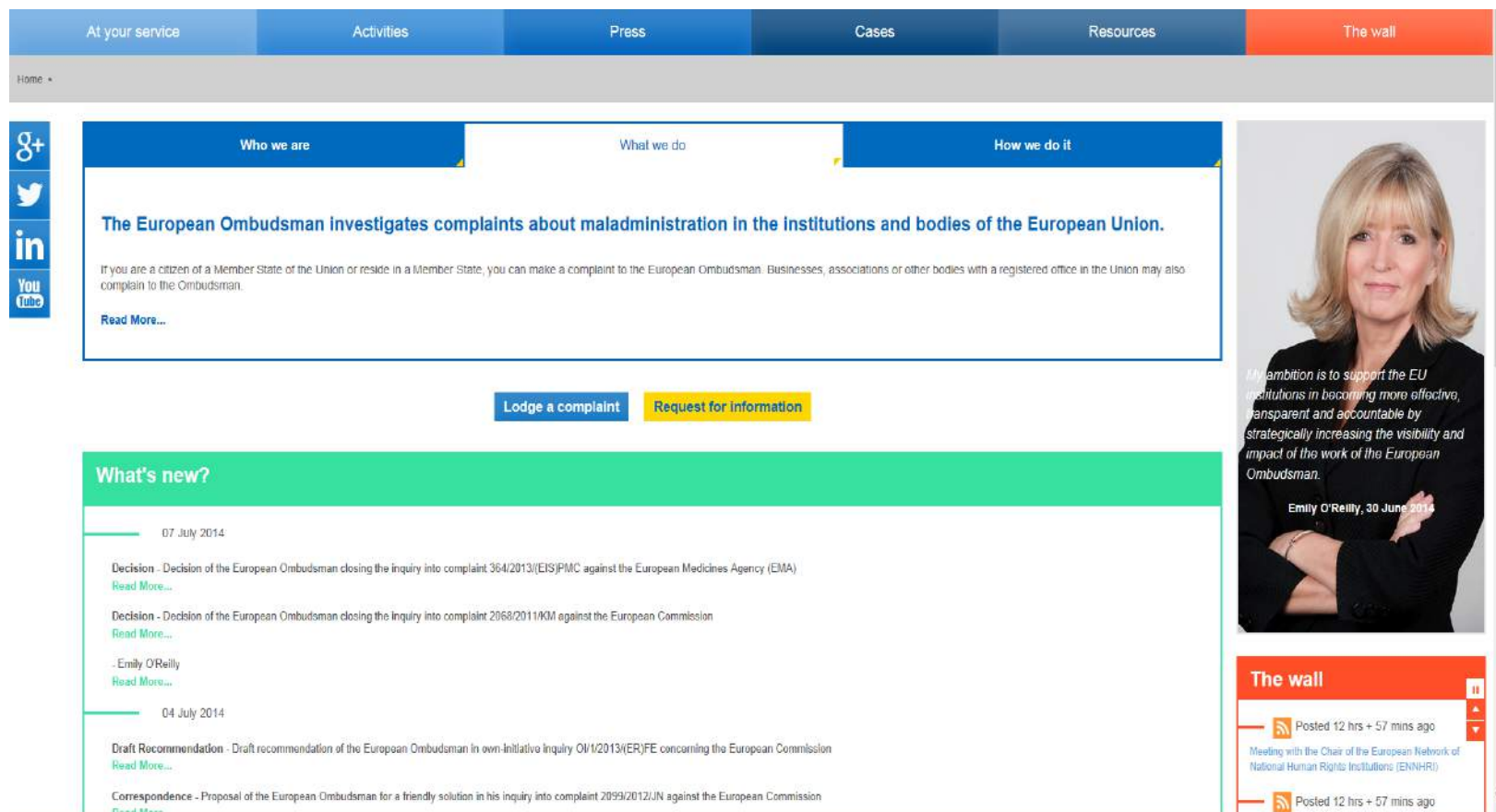




# Getting (non-)public information: submitting a request

- To request a **document**, you don't have to know the exact name/number of a document, you just need to describe what you need
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- There are **some exceptions** allowing access to be refused
  - E.g. protection of personal data, protection of decision-making, public security
- If access is refused, you can **appeal** this decision
  - Same deadlines as above
  - Can often lead to partial access to document(s)

# Getting (non-)public information: appealing refusals



The screenshot shows the official website of the European Ombudsman. At the top is a navigation bar with links: 'At your service', 'Activities', 'Press', 'Cases', 'Resources', and 'The wall'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with 'Home' and three main sections: 'Who we are', 'What we do', and 'How we do it'. The 'Who we are' section is highlighted and contains the text: 'The European Ombudsman investigates complaints about maladministration in the institutions and bodies of the European Union.' It also states: 'If you are a citizen of a Member State of the Union or reside in a Member State, you can make a complaint to the European Ombudsman. Businesses, associations or other bodies with a registered office in the Union may also complain to the Ombudsman.' Below this text are two buttons: 'Lodge a complaint' and 'Request for information'. To the left of the main content area are social media icons for Google+, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube. To the right is a large portrait of Emily O'Reilly, the European Ombudsman, with a quote: 'My ambition is to support the EU institutions in becoming more effective, transparent and accountable by strategically increasing the visibility and impact of the work of the European Ombudsman.' Below the quote is the date 'Emily O'Reilly, 30 June 2014'. Below the main content area is a green banner titled 'What's new?'. It lists two dates: '07 July 2014' and '04 July 2014'. Under '07 July 2014' are two entries: 'Decision - Decision of the European Ombudsman closing the inquiry into complaint 364/2013(EIS)/PMC against the European Medicines Agency (EMA)' and 'Decision - Decision of the European Ombudsman closing the inquiry into complaint 2068/2011/KM against the European Commission'. Under '04 July 2014' are two entries: 'Draft Recommendation - Draft recommendation of the European Ombudsman in own-initiative inquiry OI/12013(ER)/FE concerning the European Commission' and 'Correspondence - Proposal of the European Ombudsman for a friendly solution in his inquiry into complaint 2093/2012/JN against the European Commission'. To the right of the 'What's new?' section is a red banner titled 'The wall' which shows a recent post: 'Posted 12 hrs + 57 mins ago' and 'Meeting with the Chair of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)'.

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