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AGENDA

Hearing

The right to access to EU documents: implementation and future of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001

Wednesday 13 April 2011, 9.00 – 12.30

European Parliament, Brussels

Room ASP 3 G 3

Order of business

9.00 - 9.15	Opening and Introduction:
9.00 - 9.15	Opening by LIBE Rapporteurs Heidi Hautala and Michael Cashman and AFCO Rapporteur Anneli Jäätteenmäki
9.15 - 10.55	SESSION I - Application of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 before and after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty

Part 1: The challenges for the Citizens

- 9.15 - 9.25 **What to learn from complaints sent to the Ombudsman**
Intervention by Nikiforos Diamandouros, European Ombudsman
- 9.25 - 9.35 **Practical problems encountered when asking for EU documents**
Intervention by Anaïs Berthier, ClientEarth
- 9.35 - 9.45 **Connecting the EU dots: shortcomings and improvements by a professional user point of view**
Intervention by Arne König, President of the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ)
- 9.45 - 9.55 **From Words to deeds: when practice does not fit rules**
Intervention by Tony Bunyan, Statewatch
- 9.55 - 10.05 **One common institutional space; but still missing a common language**
Intervention by Yves Steinitz, Director, Directorate C - Transformation Objective 2012, Publications Office of the European Union
- 10.05 - 10.15 **Comments, questions and answers**

Part 2: The challenges for the EU institutions

- 10.15- 10.25 **From Wikileaks to Wiki-lex: building legislative transparency**
Intervention by Helen Darbishire, AccessInfo
- 10.25 - 10.35 **Right to know, need to know, need to share. The EEAS and the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 for confidential documents**
Intervention by Cesare Onestini, EEAS, Corporate Board Secretariat, Acting Head of Division

10.35 - 10.45 **Transparency in the EU institutions, agencies and bodies: a precondition for an open, independent and efficient EU administration**
Intervention by Hubert Szlaszewski, Director, Directorate B - Better Regulation and Administrative Policies, European Commission

10.45 - 10.55 **Comments, questions and answers**

10.55 - 12.20	SESSION II - Challenges in the recast/replacement of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 in the context of the Lisbon Treaty
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10.55 - 11.05 **Transparency as a Constitutional principle founded on the Treaties and by the Charter: which consequences to be drawn in revising Regulation 1049/2001?**
Intervention by Professor Deirdre Curtin, University of Amsterdam

11.05 - 11.15 **Promoting the citizen informational self-determination: how Transparency and data protection can strengthen each other**
Peter Hustinx, European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

11.15 - 11.35 **Transparency and non-legislative activity**

11.15 - 11.25 Judicial activity - Intervention by Valerio Placco, Court of Justice of the European Union, Legal adviser

11.25 - 11.35 Sound management of public money - Intervention by Alfredo Panarella, Head of Unit and Managerial Advisor, European Investment Bank

11.35 - 12.05 **Transparency in the EU Agencies**

11.35 - 11.45 Frontex: intervention by Sakari Vuorensola, Head of Legal Unit

11.45 - 11.55 Europol: intervention by Dietrich Neumann, Head of Legal Affairs

11.55 - 12.05 European Environment Agency: intervention by Josiane Riviere, Head of EEA Brussels Office

12.05 - 12.20 **Comments, questions and answers**

12.20 - 12.30	Concluding remarks
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LIBE Rapporteurs **Heidi Hautala** and **Michael Cashman**
and AFCO Rapporteur **Anneli Jäätteenmäki**

ANNEX I

PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DEBATE

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Article 1 TEU

(...) This Treaty marks a new stage in the process of creating an ever closer union among the peoples of Europe, in which decisions are taken as openly as possible and as closely as possible to the citizen.

(...)

Article 15 TFEU

1. In order to promote good governance and ensure the participation of civil society, the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies shall conduct their work as openly as possible.

2. The European Parliament shall meet in public, as shall the Council when considering and voting on a draft legislative act.

3. Any citizen of the Union, and any natural or legal person residing or having its registered office in a Member State, shall have a right of access to documents of the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, whatever their medium, subject to the principles and the conditions to be defined in accordance with this paragraph.

General principles and limits on grounds of public or private interest governing this right of access to documents shall be determined by the European Parliament and the Council, by means of regulations, acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure.

Each institution, body, office or agency shall ensure that its proceedings are transparent and shall elaborate in its own Rules of Procedure specific provisions regarding access to its documents, in accordance with the regulations referred to in the second subparagraph.

The Court of Justice of the European Union, the European Central Bank and the European Investment Bank shall be subject to this paragraph only when exercising their administrative tasks.

The European Parliament and the Council shall ensure publication of the documents relating to the legislative procedures under the terms laid down by the regulations referred to in the second subparagraph."