

Question for written answer E-005368/2021
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Deletion by the Commission of minutes of closed meetings and reports

Dutch university researcher Martijn Nouwen recently discovered that for years the Commission has had emails automatically deleted by the computer system it has been using since July 2015.

That makes it impossible to verify how political decisions, such as on tax agreements or other legislation, have been taken.

In the light of Regulation 1049/2001, which guarantees EU citizens the 'widest possible access' to all documents held by the Commission, Parliament and the Council of Ministers:

1. How will the Commission resolve this glaring lack of transparency?
2. How many emails and documents have been permanently deleted since the system came into operation in July 2015?
3. In response to this case, how and when will the Commission foster transparency in the future?