

**Question for written answer E-003494/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Transparency of the Going Dark programme: participants, minutes, submissions of the high-level expert group on access to data for effective law enforcement

In response to a freedom of information request<sup>1</sup> dated 18 September 2023, the secretariat of the high-level expert group (HLEG) on access to data for effective law enforcement made available four lists of participants of meetings on 10 November 2023 (case number 2023/5384), including those of the work group and its three sub-work groups<sup>2</sup>. All participant names are completely blacked out in all of the documents. Minutes and participants' submissions were not made available.

1. Why does the Commission not make the documents and names of the participating companies, authorities, experts, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and other participants fully accessible?
2. Does the Commission intend to publish lists of participants of previous and future meetings of the group and its sub-groups as soon as possible on the group's dedicated website?
3. Does the Commission intend to publish minutes and the participants' submissions of previous and future meetings of the group and its sub-groups, in accordance with the HLEG's rules of procedure point 13(3)<sup>3</sup>, either via the register of expert groups or via the group's dedicated website as soon as possible?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://fragdenstaat.de/a/288508>.

<sup>2</sup> [https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/networks/high-level-group-hlg-access-data-effective-law-enforcement\\_en](https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/networks/high-level-group-hlg-access-data-effective-law-enforcement_en)

<sup>3</sup> [https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-10/Rules%20of%20procedure%20of%20the%20HLG\\_en.pdf](https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-10/Rules%20of%20procedure%20of%20the%20HLG_en.pdf)