



Strong public support for Ombudsman's bee inquiry

Case 2142/2018/EWM - **Opened on** 18/12/2018 - **Recommendation on** 10/05/2019 - **Decision on** 03/12/2019 - **Institution concerned** European Commission (Maladministration found) |

5 December 2019 - Thank you to all those who have written to express their support for our request for public access to Member State positions on guidelines for assessing the effects of pesticides on bees. We have received over 500 messages favouring more transparency in this area.

In our decision , we confirm our finding that the European Commission's refusal to grant access to documents is maladministration.

The Ombudsman will continue to monitor progress closely.