



## The European Commission and transparency in the context of the EU response to the COVID-19 crisis

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In the context of wider strategic work on the response of the EU administration during the COVID-19 crisis, the Ombudsman has been examining the work of the European Commission, notably regarding transparency related to its modified working procedures, public procurement, scientific advice and lobbying activities in the context of the crisis, and modified decision-making procedures. The Ombudsman identified certain matters on which she asked the Commission to provide further information. The Commission replied, giving basic information on steps it has taken to ensure transparency. The Ombudsman [acknowledged the steps taken by the Commission but reminded it of its obligations \[Link\]](#) concerning transparency and record keeping of meetings. She will continue to monitor these matters.