

The European Border and Coast Guard Agency's (Frontex) refusal of public access to documents concerning expenses incurred in relation to the annual 'European Border and Coast Guard Day'

Case 540/2021/ABZ - Opened on 26/03/2021 - Decision on 12/04/2021 - Institution concerned European Border and Coast Guard Agency (No further inquiries justified) |

The complainant, a journalist, sought public access from the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) to documents concerning expenses incurred in relation to the annual 'European Border Guard Day'. Frontex granted the complainant only very limited access, redacting most of the content of the documents, despite having granted previously public access to documents concerning a previous edition of the event. Frontex invoked an exception under the EU's rules on public access to documents, arguing that disclosure could undermine the commercial interests of those concerned.

In the context of the inquiry, Frontex provided the complainant with the information he asked for, so the Ombudsman closed the case, as no further inquiries were justified.