



## The Council of the EU's refusal to give full public access to documents related to negotiations on the draft 'Digital Markets Act'

**Case** 1499/2021/TE - **Opened on** 30/08/2021 - **Institution concerned** Council of the European Union |

The complainant sought public access from the Council of the EU to documents setting out the positions of Member State governments on the draft EU 'Digital Markets Act'. The Council identified 28 documents as falling under the request but granted access to only parts of these. In doing so, it invoked an exception under the EU's rules on access to documents, arguing that full disclosure could undermine an ongoing decision-making process.

The Ombudsman opened an inquiry and sought to inspect the documents at issue.