



Decision of the European Ombudsman in the case SI/2/2021/AMF on the transparency of the EU portal for managing tenders for contracts awarded by EU institutions

Correspondence - 28/09/2021

Case SI/2/2021/AMF - Opened on 17/06/2021 - Decision on 28/09/2021 - Institution concerned Publications Office of the European Union |

Acting Director-General

Publications Office

Dear Mr Carneiro,

I refer to your reply of 29 July 2021 to the points I set out to improve the transparency of the TED portal.

I would like to thank you for your positive reply. I was pleased to learn that the Publications Office shares my views regarding the need for the TED portal to become a “one-stop-shop” for all relevant information concerning EU public procurement, including the relevant links to the lists of contracts above 15 000 EUR awarded by all EU institutions.

I take note of the Publications Office’s commitment to improving access to public procurement information, in particular through user-friendly graphics that you expect to be in a position to generate once the quality of the underlying published data is improved.

I also welcome the foreseen improvements in terms of the search functions and display of procurement information on the future TED and TED eTendering websites. As I mentioned in my letter of 17 June 2021, a list of the “top 10” contractors per EU institution is of particular relevance and should help make explicit which organisations tend to win these contracts.

The purpose of this strategic initiative has been to share our reflections with the Publications Office so as to achieve the important goal of allowing effective monitoring by the wider public of all EU public procurement activities.

With these considerations in mind, this letter and your reply of 29 July 2021 will be published



on my website.

Thank you again for your reply and for your cooperation on this initiative, which is hereby closed.

Yours sincerely,

Emily O'Reilly European Ombudsman

Strasbourg, 28/09/2021