



How the European Commission dealt with a request for public access to documents concerning the adoption of EU rules on real driving emissions values

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The complainant, a journalist, asked the European Commission for public access to documents concerning the adoption of EU rules on real driving emissions values. The Commission refused to grant access. In doing so, it invoked an exception under the EU's legislation on public access to documents, arguing that disclosure could undermine legal proceedings, as the matter had previously been subject to court proceedings and could be in the future.

The Ombudsman opened an inquiry and sought to inspect the documents in question.