

GRACE project

Case opened

Case 437/2015/ZA - Opened on 15/04/2015 - Decision on 28/07/2016 - Institution concerned European Commission (No maladministration found) |

Allegation(s)

- 1) The Commission failed to ensure the objectivity and independence of the GRACE project.
- 2) The Commission failed to ensure that the complainant's scientific findings, which cast doubt on some scientific findings made in the context of the GRACE project, be duly taken into account.
- 3) The Commission failed to ensure full transparency in respect of the experts involved in the selection of the GRACE project and, more generally, of EU projects in the context of risk assessment.

Claim(s)

- 1) The Commission should revise its procedures and ensure that experts with whom it collaborates are independent and objective.
- 2) The Commission should ensure that the findings made in the context of the GRACE project be duly reviewed in light of the complainant's scientific findings.
- 3) The Commission should reconsider whether the journal *Archives of Toxicology* constitutes an adequate platform for publishing and discussing the project's findings.
- 4) The Commission should ensure full transparency in respect of the experts involved in the selection of EU projects in the context of risk assessment.