

The Commission's recovery of funds from the European Schools in respect of mother-tongue language classes for students without a language section (SWALS)

Case 1661/2011/LP - **Opened on** 03/10/2011 - **Recommendation on** 20/05/2014 - **Decision on** 27/07/2015 - **Institution concerned** European Commission (Critical remark) |

Allegation(s)

- 1) The complainant alleges that the Commission lacked legal authority to seek reimbursement from European Schools for mother-tongue classes for SWALS.
- 2) Even if the Commission could seek reimbursement from European Schools for mother-tongue classes for SWALS, its decision was: (i) substantively wrong, since it contravenes the decision of the Board of Governors of the European Schools granting discharge to the 2008 budget, and (ii) contrary to the principles of legal certainty and legitimate expectations, as the Commission was in essence imposing budget cuts retroactively.

Claim(s)

The complainant claims that the Commission should make a commitment to respect the decision(s) of the Board of Governors regarding such matters.