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Subject: Own-Initiative inquiry OI/4/2013 concerning the EU agencies

Dear Ms Karakosta,

I refer to the European Ombudsman's own initiative inquiry concerning the practices adopted by EU agencies over the disclosure of the names of Selection Board members, to which the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (hereinafter the 'Agency') has been invited to contribute.

With the launching of the inquiry mentioned above, EU agencies have been encouraged to clarify according to which circumstances and at which stage of the selection procedure the names of selection board members are disclosed to candidates. The request touches also upon the measures that have been taken in order to ensure compliance with data protection requirements in case the Agency has adopted a proactive policy of disclosing the names of selection board members.

As way of a background, I would like to recall that the Agency was operational since 2010 but officially received its powers in March 2011.

Since then, the policy of the Agency has been to disclose the names of selection board members only to the shortlisted candidates. Disclosure takes place on the day of the interview. Selection board members introduce themselves to the shortlisted candidates mentioning their names and position.

It should be noted that until now the Agency has not received requests from candidates, neither shortlisted nor declared ineligible or not invited to interviews, for the names of selection board members.

Selection board members are made aware that their name and position will be disclosed to shortlisted candidates at the time of the interview.

Apologising for the delay with which this reply is sent, I remain at disposal in case of further need.

Yours sincerely,

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Alberto Potptschnig