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Your ref: OI/4/2013/CK

Dear Ms O'Reilly,

Subject: Own-initiative enquiry OI/4/2013/CK concerning the EU Agencies

I write in response to a communication from your predecessor, Mr. Diamandouros, of 12 August 2013, by which he informed me of the Ombudsman's own-initiative enquiry with regards to the different practises adopted by the EU Agencies regarding the issue of disclosure of the names of Selection Board members.

At the outset, I would like to point out that ECDC tries to strike a balance between promoting openness and transparency on one hand, and, on the other hand, ensuring the secrecy of the selection procedures as well as protecting the privacy of the members of selection boards.

To answer to your specific questions, please be advised that ECDC discloses names of members of Selection boards upon request only and following consent of the data subjects. So far, ECDC has received few such requests from unsuccessful candidates. In all the cases, consent has been provided and thus the names were disclosed.

I hope to have clarified ECDC's policy but please do not hesitate to contact me should further clarifications are required.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate on your new position as European Ombudsman.

I am looking forward to a fruitful collaboration between our organisations.

Yours sincerely,


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