



European Ombudsman

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Mr Louis Drounau

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Complaint 1094/2020/DL

Dear Mr Drounau,

On 26 June 2020, you submitted a complaint to my Office against the Authority for European Political Parties and European Political Foundations (APPF).

I understand that you are concerned that the APPF fails to comply with transparency obligations, and in particular its disclosure and publication obligations¹. You raise several concerns as regards the completeness, clarity and timely availability of the disclosed information relating to European political parties and foundations.

I have decided to open an inquiry into your complaint.

I have contacted the APPF and asked for a reply on these issues as soon as possible and no later than 5 October 2020. I will get back to you as soon as I receive a reply.

Please note that, given the availability of the APPF website in English, French and German only, I also referred the APPF to my recently published practical recommendations for the EU administration on the use of EU languages when communicating with the public².

¹ See Article 32(1) of Regulation 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations, available at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32014R1141>.

² <https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/correspondence/en/129519>. In accordance with recommendation 6, EU institutions and bodies should make available in all official languages those parts of its websites that are of particular interest to the public. This should include, at least, the homepage and pages giving information about its role and contact details.



Given that the transparency obligations laid down in Article 32(1) of Regulation 1141/2014 refer to both the APPF and the Parliament, I considered it useful also to give Parliament the opportunity to provide its comments on the issues raised in this case. I therefore also informed the President of Parliament that I have opened an inquiry into your complaint.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the case handler, Ms Dorien Laermans, on dorien.laermans@ombudsman.europa.eu, or at the following telephone number: +32 2 28 33 441.

Yours sincerely,

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