

Suggestion for amendment of Article 36

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Article 36: Transparency of the proceedings of the Union's institutions

1. In order to promote good governance and ensure the participation of civil society, the Union institutions shall conduct their work ~~as openly as possible~~ in accordance with the principle of openness.¹

2. The European Parliament shall meet in public, as shall the Council when it is discussing a legislative proposal.

3. Any citizen of the Union, man or woman, and any natural or legal person residing in a Member State, shall have a right of access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents in whatever form they are produced, and to those of the agencies and bodies created by those institutions.

4. General principles, conditions and limits which, on grounds of public or private interest, govern the right of access to documents shall be determined by the European Parliament and the Council in accordance with the legislative procedure.

5. Each institution, agency or body referred to in paragraph ~~2~~ 3² shall determine in its own Rules of Procedure specific provisions regarding access to its documents.

6. The Members of the institutions of the Union, the members of committees, and the officials and other servants of the Union have the right to freedom of expression. This may be restricted in accordance with principles and conditions to be defined in the Staff Regulations.³

¹ This is a clearer definition.

² Incorrect reference.

³ Freedom of expression must be guaranteed.