



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT INTERGROUP
INTEGRITY, TRANSPARENCY
CORRUPTION AND ORGANISED CRIME

Martin Schulz

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President

European Parliament

Dear Mr. President,

In early February 2014, the European Commission published the first EU Anti-Corruption report. It identified whistleblowing as a major area for improvement for the European institutions. Article 22c of the Staff Regulations requires EU institutions to lay down their own internal rules for whistleblowing. Complying with Article 22c, the European Commission soon created internal rules for whistleblowing. The European Ombudsman drafted its own internal rules for whistleblowing showing example to all EU institutions in implementing Article 22c of the Staff Regulations.

With regard to the Parliament, on 24 July 2014 the European Ombudsman inquired about the steps taken by the Parliament to give effect to Article 22c. In your reply of 14 November 2014 you stated that, at that time, the Parliament was not yet in a position to give a substantive answer, and that the Preparatory Committee for Matters relating to the Staff Regulations would set up a working group on the subject in the next four months.

Given that internal rules for whistleblowing are essential to the integrity of EU institutions and that more than a year has passed since the European Ombudsman requested the Parliament's action on the subject, I would like to inquire about the state of play of the internal rules on whistleblowing in the Parliament.

I would also like to access all the information about the Committee for Matters relating to the Staff Regulations, and the working group you mentioned in your reply to the Ombudsman, that pertains to this matter, , including the names and positions of the members, the WG's working plan, as well as the agenda and the minutes of the relevant meetings.

I deeply appreciate your efforts and look forward to your kind reply.

Yours sincerely,

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