



The European Ombudsman: 10 years, 20,000 complaints — too many? too few?

1. *Press seminar*
2. *Public workshop*

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PRESS SEMINAR

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**"A more open and accountable EU administration —
the next steps for the Commission, the Parliament and the Ombudsman"**

Moderator: Aidan White, General Secretary,
International Federation of Journalists

14.00-14.10: Introductory remarks by the European Ombudsman

14.10-14.50: Panel discussion

- **Derk-Jan Eppink**, Member of the Cabinet of European Commission Vice-President Siim Kallas
- **Michael Cashman**, MEP and Parliament's Rapporteur on the Regulation on public access to documents
- **Tony Bunyan**, Director, *Statewatch*
- **Dana Spinant**, Editor, *European Voice*

14.50-15.30: Questions & Answers

15.30-16.00: Coffee break

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

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**"Raising awareness about the right to complain —
the next steps for the European Ombudsman"**

Moderator: Pat Cox, President of the European Parliament 2002-2004

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16.10-16.50: Panel discussion

- **Margot Wallström**, Vice-President, European Commission
- **Emily O'Reilly**, National Ombudsman of Ireland
- **Claire Damilano**, *European Citizen Action Service*
- **Aidan White**, General Secretary, *International Federation of Journalists*

16.50-17.50: Floor discussion

17.50-18.00: Closing remarks by the European Ombudsman

18.00-19.30: Reception