



## European Ombudsman

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European Ombudsman

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Complaint 792/2014/JN

Dear Mr Voces de Onaindi,

On 30 April 2014, you submitted, on behalf of the European Transport Workers Federation (ETF), the Association of National Organisations of Fishing Enterprises in the European Union (Europêche) and the General Confederation of Agricultural Co-operatives in the European Union (Cogeca) ('the complainants'), a complaint to the European Ombudsman against the European Commission concerning the handling of their request relating to an agreement to be submitted to the Council under Article 155 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ("TFEU").

I have asked the Commission to submit an opinion on the following allegation and claims.

**Allegation:**

The Commission failed to act within a reasonable time on the request made by the complainants under Article 155 TFEU.

**Claims:**

1. The Commission should explain the steps it has taken and why it has not submitted a proposal to the Council while one year has elapsed since the submission of the request by the social partners.
2. The Commission should resume its works and submit the proposal to the Council.

In accordance with Articles 2(2) and 3(1) of the Statute of the European Ombudsman, I informed the President of the Commission of your complaint and invited him to submit an opinion on the allegation and claims included in my inquiry by 30 September 2014.

As soon as I receive the Commission's opinion, I will forward it to you



with an invitation to make observations. Any observations you wish to make should be submitted to my office within one month of receiving the opinion.

Once my office receives your observations, or the deadline has passed, the Legal Officer responsible for your case, Mr Nejedly (0033 (0)3 88 16 41 48), will then examine your file. Mr Nejedly is a member of Complaints and Inquiries Unit 1, headed by Ms Marta Hirsch Ziembinska, which is part of Directorate A. I will inform you if I need to inquire further into your complaint before making a decision on it.

Every effort is made to deal with cases as quickly as possible. I try to reach a preliminary conclusion in an inquiry on a complaint within one year of opening it.

Yours sincerely,

Emily O'Reilly