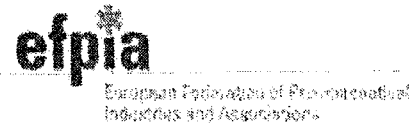


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Brussels, 7 March 2014

Subject: Meeting request re. Implementation of EU legislation on public access to documents

Dear Mrs Day,

The undersigned European trade associations representing a large part of the innovative industry in Europe would welcome a meeting with you to discuss our strong concerns about the current implementation by EU agencies of the legislation dealing with public access to documents.

We understand that both oversight of the EU Agencies as well as of the implementation of the relevant transparency legislation rest with the Secretariat General and we hope that the current REFIT exercise may offer an opportunity to consider the current situation.

Our memberships are extremely concerned at the trend they are seeing with regard to the implementation of EU transparency legislation (Regulations 1049/2001 & 1367/2006 and Directive 2003/4) and their likely effect on the competitiveness and attractiveness of the European Union as a place to do business for innovative companies, including many SMEs.

We have developed a draft common set of principles with other associations regarding transparency and access to documents which we would like to present and discuss with you.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding the possibility of holding a meeting in the near future and thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Best wishes,

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