

AMENDMENT FORM

Title VI: The Democratic Life of the Union

Suggestion for amendment of Article : I-49

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Article I-49 : Transparency of the proceedings of the Union's Institutions

In order to promote good governance and ensure the participation of civil society, the Union's Institutions, bodies and agencies shall conduct their work as openly as possible.

2. The European Parliament shall meet in public, as shall the Council when it is discussing and adopting a legislative proposal.
3. Any citizen of the Union, man or woman, and any natural or legal person residing or having its registered office in a Member State, shall have a right of access to documents of the Union's Institutions, bodies and agencies in whatever form they are produced, in accordance with the conditions laid down in Part Three.
4. A European law shall lay down the general principles and limits which, on grounds of public or private interest, govern the right of access to such documents. ***It shall also fix the structure and content of the Official Journal of the European Union.***
5. Each institution, body or agency referred to in paragraph 3 shall determine in its own rules of procedure specific provisions regarding access to its documents, in accordance with the European law referred to in paragraph 4 above.

Explanation:

We are constitutionalising all acts of the Union. They need to be recorded and disseminated in the official gazette of the Union. This amendment provides therefore the necessary legal base.