

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article :36

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Article 36: Transparency of the proceedings of the Union's institutions

1. In order to promote good governance and ensure the participation of ~~civil society~~ **the citizens**, the Union institutions shall conduct their work as openly as possible.
2. The European Parliament shall meet in public, as shall the Council ~~when it is discussing~~ **during the presentation and the voting** of a legislative proposal.
3. Any citizen of the Union, man or woman, and any natural or legal person residing in a Member State, shall have a right of access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents in whatever form they are produced, and to those of the agencies and bodies created by those institutions.
4. General principles, conditions and limits which, on grounds of public or private interest, govern the right of access to documents shall be determined by the European Parliament and the Council in accordance with the legislative procedure.
5. Each institution, agency or body referred to in paragraph ~~2~~ **3** shall determine in its own Rules of Procedure specific provisions regarding access to its documents.

Explanation : According to the rules laid down , in the E.C. Treaty, in the Seville summit and in the Council's rule of procedure recently amended, Council meetings are open during the initial stage of the procedure (presentation by the Commission of its main legislative proposals and the ensuing debate) and the final stage (votes and explanations of votes).