



IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH

the state of the open european union

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overview

- ▶ goals
- ▶ tools
- ▶ action

goals

why does open legislative data matter?

- ▶ action
- ▶ early bugs are cheap
- ▶ fact based decision making
- ▶ global policy trend-setting
- ▶ accountability?

- ▶ ACTA
- ▶ EU-wide internet censorship
- ▶ Data Protection Regulation
- ▶ Network neutrality regulation

fails

- ▶ Unitary patents
- ▶ Data sharing (SWIFT, PNR)
- ▶ Cybercrime
- ▶ Radio spectrum policy programme

fails - PSI directive

- ▶ charges
- ▶ not specifically open licensing
- ▶ council compromise

fails - PSI - OKFN

*“In summary, the new PSI Directive **does not seem to take the bold steps** the open data movement has been clamoring for over the past five years. At the same time, **real progress has been made.** [...] But the new PSI Directive will not serve as a tool for citizens aiming for more openness by default and by design. Even with the new redress mechanisms, getting your rights acknowledged and acted upon will remain a long and arduous path as before.”*

future

- ▶ Net neutrality proposal (see wins)
- ▶ Data protection regulation (see wins)
- ▶ TAFTA
- ▶ Trade in Services Agreement (TISA)
- ▶ Data retention repealed by ECJ

european institutions

tools

council

- ▶ votes as screenshots in pdfs
- ▶ videos only via proprietary Microsoft technology

“Effectiveness of legislative decision-making process” is not a valid argument to keep member states positions secret, the ECJ said. 17 October, 2013

council: EU Human Rights Guidelines on Freedom of Expression Online and Offline

deleted: “general right of the public to have access to information of public interest, the right of the media to access information and the right of individuals to request and receive information concerning themselves that may affect their individual rights”

commission

- ▶ videos are patent encumbered, no free software player supported
- ▶ documents of low process/reuse quality
- ▶ diplomatic cover instead of natsec secrecy

commission - diplomatic cover

Access to documents – Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 – Documents concerning the negotiations between the European Union and the Republic of India for the purposes of concluding a free trade agreement – Refusal of access – Exception relating to the protection of the public interest in the field of international relations – Documents which have entered the public domain – Non-imposition of a restriction on disclosure of documents

commission - diplomatic cover 2

Access to documents – Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 – Documents relating to the draft international Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) – Negotiating documents – Refusal to grant access – Exception relating to the protection of the public interest with regard to international relations – Manifest error of assessment – Proportionality – Obligation to state reasons

commission databases

- ▶ commission open data portal
- ▶ expert register
- ▶ the lobby register
- ▶ the financial transparency system

Transparency of Parliament's activities

Parliament shall ensure that its activities are conducted with the utmost transparency [...]

parliament - the good

- ▶ europarl.europa.eu
- ▶ Casini Report
- ▶ EP free software user group (epfsug)
- ▶ [debianparl](http://debianparl.org)

parliament - the bad

- ▶ trilogue
- ▶ private clients - privileged access
- ▶ no wireless network
- ▶ no bulk raw data
- ▶ reports on free software usage

budget discharge report 2010

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budget discharge report 2011

*“Follow-up by the **Secretary-General** to the 2010 discharge resolution*

1. **Requests for the second time**, after the first request relating to the discharge procedure was made in 2010, a full report on how Parliament’s Free Software projects have developed with regards to use and users in Parliament, citizen interaction and procurement activities; **invites for the second time to investigate**, in a full study, Parliament’s obligations under Rule 103 of its Rules of Procedure with regard to Free Software and Open Standards; **regrets that Free Software and Open Source solutions are not more widely used in the Parliament’s IT infrastructure**;

budget discharge report 2011

- ▶ the report¹
- ▶ study on the report²

¹<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=TA&reference=P7-TA-20130124&language=EN&ring=A7-2013-0063>;

²<http://epfsug.eu/wws/arc/epfsug/2013-11/msg00034/20131031ME-2nd-Opinion-on-DG-ITEC-report.pdf>

recommendations of the study on the report

1. Authenticity: the ability to prove the provenance of Parliamentary information;
2. Integrity: the ability to ascertain that Parliamentary information has not been changed in the meantime;
3. Irrefutability: the ability to use a Parliamentary record as irrefutable proof;
4. Transparency: the ability to detect and analyses changes in the Parliamentary record's contents;
5. Availability: the availability and accessibility of a document;
6. Flexibility: the extent to which technology can be adapted to future requirements and can avoid obsolescence;
7. Confidentiality: the extent to which Parliamentary records can be kept confidential if warranted.

budget discharge report 2013

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parliament - the ugly

- ▶ patent encumbered videos can be watched on free software
- ▶ departmentalized views into databases
- ▶ at4am
 - ▶ free software - check
 - ▶ useful data - fail

EP Secretary General

*Parliament's approach to open data is to make data available as **much as possible**, taking into account **technical constraints**.*

contrast with:

*rule 103: "[...] **utmost transparency** [...]"*

Action


action

- ▶ court cases
- ▶ foia requests
- ▶ open letters
- ▶ europarl.me
- ▶ parltrack
- ▶ mep ranking

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EPP		-295	More
S&D		153	More
ALDE		-354	More
Greens/EFA		171	More
ECR		-81	More
EFD		-3	More
GUE/NGL		123	More
NI		-18	More

Currently the EU is negotiating about new data privacy laws. This new EU Regulation will replace all existing national laws on data privacy. Here you can see a general overview which Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) are pushing for more or less data privacy. Choose a country, a political group or a MEP from the "Top 10" list to find out more.


Top 10 for less Data Privacy in Europe


Axel Voss
EPP


151
More


Louis Michel

Top 10 for more Data Privacy in Europe


Jan Philipp Albrecht
Greens/EFA

165
More


Cornelia Ernst

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The screenshot shows the LobbyCloud website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the LobbyCloud logo and links for Browse, Research, Contribute, and About. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are links for Signup and Login. The main content area features a large green banner with an illustration of a blue suitcase containing documents, one of which has the European Union flag. The text on the banner reads "LobbyCloud" in a large white font, followed by the tagline "LobbyCloud is a library of influences on public policy. We publish lobby documents circulating in the EU bureaucracy." and a "Learn more" link with a right-pointing arrow. Below the banner, there are three green square icons on a white background. The first icon shows a calendar and a pink highlighter, with the text "Discover Policy" below it. The second icon shows a microscope and a circular diagram with arrows, with the text "Research" below it. The third icon shows a white cloud with three colored lines (pink, blue, green) extending downwards, with the text "Contribute" below it. At the bottom right of the page, there is a set of small navigation icons including arrows, a search icon, and a refresh icon.

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Expert group membership

of [Strategic Policy Forum on Digital Entrepreneurship](#)

of [Network and Information Security \(NIS\) Platform](#)

Hired lobbyists

Paid ca. - €50,000 to [Burson-Marsteller SPRL](#)

Paid ca. - €50,000 to [Schuman Associates](#)

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Commitments received from the EC

Received commitment of €9,632,923 in 2008 from [Information Society and Media](#) for: EMPOWERING THE SERVICE ECONOMY WITH SLA-AWARE INFRASTRUCTURES ([Details](#))

Received commitment of €6,964,308 in 2008 from [Information Society and Media](#) for: PROACTIVE KNOWLEDGE FOR SMART PRODUCTS ([Details](#))

Lobbyist

Identifier in the register [Source](#)

639117311617-01

NUTS1 Name [Source](#)

Rhein-Neckar-Kreis

Legal status [Source](#)

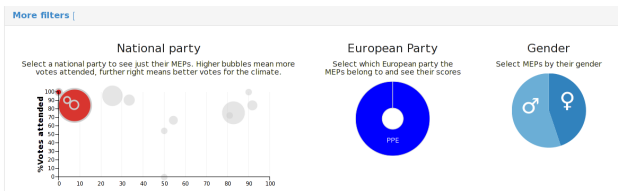
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Lobbying activities [Source](#)

Digital Agenda, data protection, cloud computing, cyber security, youth employment and skills gaps, audit market reform, CSR, smart cities, international trade.

Address [Source](#)

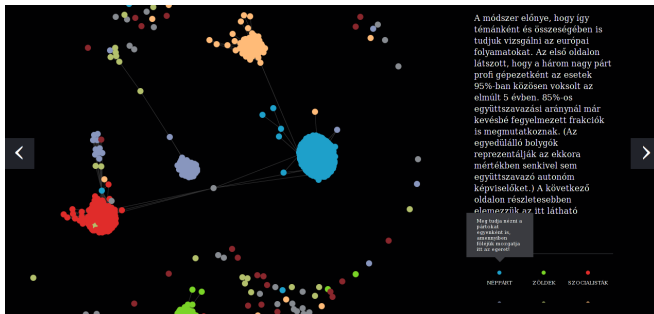
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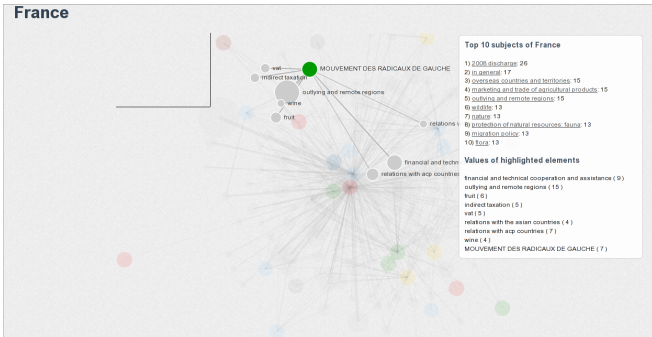
Click on the MEP for their arms trade and militarisation voting record

France





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thx for interesting questions