

Position of Care France on the scandal of the interdiction of adoptions from Romania

[Arun Dohle](#) made this access to documents request to [Secretariat General of the European Commission](#)

We're waiting for [Arun Dohle](#) to read recent responses and update the status.

Arun Dohle **December 15, 2024**

Delivered

Dear Secretariat General of the European Commission,

Under the right of access to documents in the EU treaties, as developed in Regulation 1049/2001, I am requesting documents which contain the following information:

A document that contains de position of the NGO Care France related the the - in their own words - "Le Scandale de l'Interdiction de l'adoptions internationale des enfants roumains abandonnes".

We asked for such document already in 2013.

We did not get it.

The European Ombudsman did not consider our complaint about it as admissible.

However, in the meantime we have obtained the document through other sources, although not with all annexes.

Therefore, we hereby request you to make this document public.

On 29 December 2005 it was first registered by the Cabinet of Commissioner Spidla, and attributed to the Secretariat General.

The SecGen registered it on 12 January 2006, SG-2 - nr A 392.

Please provide public access to this document including its annexes and the Adonis registration sheet, and any documents related to its follow-up.

Considering the ongoing scandals and investigations into the issue of the Romanian Children File, which includes the looking into of the creation and tasking of Against Child Trafficking by the European Commission to continue the work in the spirit of the Romanian Children File - while seconding its Task Manager Roelie Post to the organisation in the Commission's best interest, we consider it in the wider public interest to make this document public.

The file, which dates back over almost two decades, holds valuable information that could tie the ongoing investigations together. It is essential to demonstrate how the earlier actions and documents, including internal briefings and responses, are part of a larger conspiracy.

Yours faithfully,

Against Child Trafficking
Keizersgracht 482
NL 1017 EG Amsterdam

Sg-Acc-Doc@ec.europa.eu, Secretariat General of the European Commission **December 15, 2024**

Your message has been received by the Transparency Unit of the Secretariat-General of the European Commission.

Requests for public access to documents are treated on the basis of [1]Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents.

The Secretariat-General will reply to your request within 15 working days upon registration of your request and will duly inform you of the registration of the request (or of any additional information to be provided in view of its registration and/or treatment).

L'unité «Transparence» du secrétariat général de la Commission européenne a bien reçu votre message.

Les demandes d'accès du public aux documents sont traitées sur la base du [2]règlement (CE) n° 1049/2001 du 30 mai 2001 relatif à l'accès du public aux documents du Parlement européen, du Conseil et de la Commission.

Le secrétariat général répondra à votre demande dans un délai de 15 jours ouvrables à compter de la date d'enregistrement de votre demande, et vous informera de cet enregistrement (ou vous indiquera toute information supplémentaire à fournir en vue de l'enregistrement et/ou du traitement de votre demande).

Ihre Nachricht ist beim Referat „Transparenz“ des Generalsekretariats der Europäischen Kommission eingegangen.

Anträge auf Zugang zu Dokumenten werden auf der Grundlage der [3]Verordnung (EG) Nr. 1049/2001 vom 30. Mai 2001 über den Zugang der Öffentlichkeit zu Dokumenten des Europäischen Parlaments, des Rates und der Kommission behandelt.

Das Generalsekretariat beantwortet Ihre Anfrage innerhalb von 15 Arbeitstagen nach deren Registrierung und wird Sie über die Registrierung Ihres Antrags (oder die Notwendigkeit weiterer Informationen im Hinblick auf dessen Registrierung und/oder Bearbeitung) unterrichten.

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sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu, **December 16, 2024**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We hereby acknowledge the receipt of your request for access to documents sent on 15/12/2024 and registered on 16/12/2024 under the case number 2024/6975.

We will handle your request within 15 working days as of the date of registration. The time-limit expires on 17/01/2025. We will let you know if we need to extend this time limit for additional 15 working days.

To find more information on how we process your personal data, please see [1]the privacy statement.

Yours faithfully,

Secretariat-General - Access to Documents
European Commission

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[Arun Dohle](#) left an annotation (December 22, 2024)

Deadline 17 January 2025

Arun Dohle **January 17, 2025**

Delivered

Dear Secretariat General of the European Commission,

Please pass this on to the person who reviews confirmatory applications.

I am filing the following confirmatory application with regards to my access to documents request 'Position of Care France on the scandal of the interdiction of adoptions from Romania'.

The legal time limit has expired.

Please take appropriate action so that this lobby document will be made publicly accessible as soon as possible and within the legal timeframe.

A full history of my request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

<https://www.asktheeu.org/en/request/posi...>

Yours faithfully,

Against Child Trafficking

SG ACCES DOCUMENTS, Secretariat General of the European Commission **January 21, 2025**

1 Attachment

6975Outgoing applicant correspondence 23.pdf

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[1]RE: Internal review of access to documents request - Position of Care France on the scandal of the interdiction of adoptions from Romania - Ares(2025)458839 (Please use this link only if you are an Ares user – Svp, utilisez ce lien exclusivement si vous êtes un(e) utilisateur d'Ares)

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your email.

Please kindly note that an extension of deadline has been sent to you on 20/01/2025 regarding your initial request for access to documents registered under reference 2024/6975 - see attached.

Kind regards,

Access to documents team - cr

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-----Original Message-----

From: Arun Dohle <[FOI #15326 email]>

Sent: Friday, January 17, 2025 9:50 PM

To: SG ACCES DOCUMENTS <[email address]>

Subject: Internal review of access to documents request - Position of Care France on the scandal of the interdiction of adoptions from Romania

Dear Secretariat General of the European Commission,

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Please take appropriate action so that this lobby document will be made publicly accessible as soon as possible and within the legal timeframe.

A full history of my request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

[2]https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www....

Yours faithfully,

Against Child Trafficking

Please use this email address for all replies to this request:
[FOI #15326 email]

This message and all replies from Secretariat General of the European Commission will be published on the AsktheEU.org website. For more information see our dedicated page for EU public officials at
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Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

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[Arun Dohle](#) left an annotation (January 23, 2025)

Time Limit: 7 February 2025

Secretariat General of the European Commission **February 10, 2025**

Dear Applicant,

We are writing concerning your request for access to Commission documents registered on 16th December 2024 under case number EASE 2024/6975.

We are currently working on your request. However, we have not yet been able to gather all the elements necessary to carry out a full analysis of your request. We were not able to send you the reply within the prescribed time limit expired on the 17th of January 2025.

Therefore, in line with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, we need to extend this time limit by 15 additional working days. The new time limit expires on 7 February 2025.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Kind regards,

NEAR ACCDOC Team

Arun Dohle **February 10, 2025**

Delivered

Dear Secretariat General of the European Commission,

We - again - insist that you provide access to this document "The scandal of Intercountry Adoption".

Historically it follows upon 'The Scandal of The OMAS contract' (2000).

And, of course, was followed by the scandal of the SERA contract, after which you killed the messenger.

You will have noticed that our requests have a certain order, a certain logic.

Hope you can connect the dots. We can.

Others can.

We have the documents anyway.

Just getting the (legal) proof of how much you cover-up this heinous lobby that works clearly in line with the US adoption lobby.

Yours faithfully,

Against Child Trafficking

Sg-Acc-Doc@ec.europa.eu, Secretariat General of the European Commission **February 10, 2025**

Your message has been received by the Transparency Unit of the Secretariat-General of the European Commission.
Requests for public access to documents are treated on the basis of [1]Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents.
The Secretariat-General will reply to your request within 15 working days upon registration of your request and will duly inform you of the registration of the request (or of any additional information to be provided in view of its registration and/or treatment).

L'unité «Transparence» du secrétariat général de la Commission européenne a bien reçu votre message.
Les demandes d'accès du public aux documents sont traitées sur la base du [2]règlement (CE) n° 1049/2001 du 30 mai 2001 relatif à l'accès du public aux documents du Parlement européen, du Conseil et de la Commission.
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Ihre Nachricht ist beim Referat „Transparenz“ des Generalsekretariats der Europäischen Kommission eingegangen.
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Das Generalsekretariat beantwortet Ihre Anfrage innerhalb von 15 Arbeitstagen nach deren Registrierung und wird Sie über die Registrierung Ihres Antrags (oder die Notwendigkeit weiterer Informationen im Hinblick auf dessen Registrierung und/oder Bearbeitung) unterrichten.

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sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu, **February 11, 2025**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We hereby acknowledge the receipt of your confirmatory request for case 2024/6975, sent on 10/02/2025 and registered on 11/02/2025.

We will handle your confirmatory request within 15 working days as of the date of registration. The time-limit expires on 04/03/2025. We will let you know if we need to extend this time limit for additional 15 working days.

Yours faithfully,

Secretariat-General - Access to Documents
European Commission

[Arun Dohle](#) left an annotation (February 11, 2025)

Time Limit: 4 March 2025

sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu, **March 04, 2025**

Dear applicant,

We are writing concerning your confirmatory request for access to Commission documents for case 2024/6975 registered on 11 February 2025.

We are currently working on your confirmatory request. However, we have not yet been able to gather all the elements necessary to carry out a full analysis of your request. We will not be able to send you the reply within the prescribed time limit expiring on 4 March 2025 due to the complexity of the file.

Therefore, in line with Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 we need to extend this time limit by 15 additional working days. The new time limit expires on 25 March 2025.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Kind regards,

Secretariat-General - Access to documents
European Commission

[Arun Dohle](#) left an annotation (March 05, 2025)

25 March 2025

sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu, **March 25, 2025**

Dear applicant,

We are writing to you concerning your confirmatory request for access to Commission documents for case 2024/6975, registered on 11 February 2025.

On 4 March 2025, we extended the time-limit for replying to your confirmatory request to 25 March 2025.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to send you the reply within this extended time limit due to the complexity of the file.

However, we assure you that we are doing our best to send a reply to your

confirmatory request as soon as possible.

We regret this additional delay and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Kind regards,

Secretariat-General - Access to documents

European Commission

Arun Dohle **May 07, 2025**

Delivered

Dear Secretariat General of the European Commission,

We sincerely regret the delay.

Please provide public access to the requested lobby document of Care France on intercountry adoptions from Romania. As well as provide us with details on the complexity of the file, which is beyond our comprehension.

Failing this, we will hand in a complaint with the European Ombudsman.

Yours faithfully,

Against Child Trafficking
Arun Dohle

ENEST-ACCDOC@ec.europa.eu, Secretariat General of the European Commission **June 18, 2025**

4 Attachments

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Reply IR 2024 6975 1.pdf

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Dear Mr Dohle,

Please find attached a message concerning your request for access to Commission documents registered under the above case number 2025/6975.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this message by return email.

Kind regards,

DG ENEST ACCDOC Team

Arun Dohle **June 18, 2025**

Delivered

Dear Secretariat General of the European Commission,

Please pass this on to the person who reviews confirmatory applications.

I am filing the following confirmatory application with regards to my access to documents request 'Position of Care France on the scandal of the interdiction of adoptions from Romania'.

Subject: Confirmatory Application for Access to Documents – FOI Request on CARE France Position and Related Documents

Dear Secretary General of the European Commission, Dear Mrs Juhanson,

I am writing to submit a confirmatory application pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding the European Commission's response to the "Ask-the-EU" Freedom of Information request.

The Commission's handling of this request is inadequate and unacceptable, particularly given the public interest in the case of whistleblower Roelie Post and the apparent efforts to obscure information related to the Romanian Children File.

In 2013, we requested public access to the document in question and received only the first two pages, unredacted. In the recent response, however, the Commission has excessively redacted most of the text and all names, rendering the document effectively meaningless. Furthermore, the annexes, which we explicitly requested, were not disclosed. This level of redaction and omission is unjustified and undermines the principles of transparency and accountability enshrined in EU law.

Additionally, the Commission provided a registration document only for Commissioner Spidla. No registration sheets were provided for Commissioners Frattini, Rehn, and Barrot, nor was any explanation given as to whether these Commissioners registered the document. We request that the Commission clarify this matter and provide the relevant registration sheets or confirm their absence with a reasoned justification.

The handling of this request is particularly concerning in light of the case of Roelie Post, a whistleblower who was dismissed, purportedly for reasons unrelated to her work on the Romanian Children File. Publicly available media, documents, and other evidence strongly suggest otherwise. The Commission's excessive redactions and failure to disclose requested documents, including the annexes, appear to constitute a deliberate cover-up, further eroding public trust in the institution. This lack of transparency is not only inconsistent with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 but also reinforces the perception that the Commission is concealing information to protect institutional interests over public accountability.

We therefore urge the Commission to:

- Provide the requested document in full, with minimal and strictly justified redactions, as required by Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.
- Disclose the annexes, as explicitly requested, with clear reasoning for any redactions.
- Provide the registration sheets for Commissioners Frattini, Rehn, and Barrot, or a detailed explanation for their absence.
- Reassess the application of exceptions under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, ensuring that any refusal to disclose is narrowly construed and justified in light of the overriding public interest in transparency regarding Roelie Post's case and the Romanian Children File.

The Commission's current approach is unacceptable and contrary to the EU's commitment to openness and accountability. We expect a prompt and comprehensive response to this confirmatory application, addressing all points raised.

A full history of my request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

<https://www.asktheeu.org/request/positio...>

Yours faithfully,

Arun Dohle
Against Child Trafficking

Sg-Acc-Doc@ec.europa.eu, Secretariat General of the European Commission **June 18, 2025**

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[1]Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents.

The Secretariat-General will reply to your request within 15 working days

upon registration of your request and will duly inform you of the registration of the request (or of any additional information to be provided in view of its registration and/or treatment).

L'unité «Transparence» du secrétariat général de la Commission européenne a bien reçu votre message.

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Das Generalsekretariat beantwortet Ihre Anfrage innerhalb von 15 Arbeitstagen nach deren Registrierung und wird Sie über die Registrierung Ihres Antrags (oder die Notwendigkeit weiterer Informationen im Hinblick auf dessen Registrierung und/oder Bearbeitung) unterrichten.

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sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu, **June 19, 2025**

1 Attachment

2024 6975 closing letter.pdf

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Dear applicant,

Please find attached a message concerning your request for access to Commission documents registered under the above case number 2024/6975.

Kind regards,

Secretariat-General - Access to documents

European Commission

sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu, **June 19, 2025**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We hereby acknowledge the receipt of your confirmatory request for case

2024/6975, sent on 18/06/2025 and registered on 19/06/2025.

We will handle your confirmatory request within 15 working days as of the date of registration. The time-limit expires on 10/07/2025. We will let you know if we need to extend this time limit for additional 15 working days.

Yours faithfully,

Secretariat-General - Access to Documents
European Commission

[Arun Dohle](#) left an annotation (June 19, 2025)

10 July 2025

sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu, **July 11, 2025**

Dear Mr Dohle,

We are writing concerning your confirmatory request for access to Commission documents for case EASE 2024/6975 registered on 19 June 2025.

We are currently working on your confirmatory request. However, we have not yet been able to gather all the elements necessary to carry out a full analysis of your request due to the need to conduct further services consultations, such as the historical archives, which are still ongoing. We will thus not be able to send you the reply within the prescribed time limit expiring today.

Therefore, in line with Article 8(2) of [1]Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 we need to extend this time limit by 15 additional working days. The new time limit expires on 31 July 2025.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Kind regards,

SG.A.2 Access to Documents Team

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[Arun Dohle](#) left an annotation (July 14, 2025)

31 July 2025

sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu, **July 31, 2025**

Dear Mr Dohle,

We refer to your confirmatory application for access to Commission documents in case EASE 2024/6975, registered on 19 June 2025.

We also refer to our correspondence of 10 July 2025, by which the time limit for replying to your application was extended by 15 working days, pursuant to Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. This extended time limit expires today and, unfortunately, we are not in a position to provide you with our final reply within this deadline.

Please note that the replies to confirmatory applications are formal Commission decisions. The internal decision-making process involves the consultation of several services, including the Historical Archives and the Legal Service. Only after concluding all consultations may a decision be formally adopted within the Secretariat-General.

Although the internal validation process of the decision is not completed at present, we can inform you that it is in its final stages. We sincerely regret that we cannot provide you with more concrete information about the content of the final reply or the date by which you can expect to receive it. However, please be assured that we endeavour to finalise the internal decision-making process as soon as possible.

We regret this additional delay and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely,

SG.A2 - Access to Documents Team

[Arun Dohle](#) left an annotation (August 07, 2025)

Awaiting Commission Decision, outside legal time limit

Sg-Acc-Doc@ec.europa.eu, **August 27, 2025**

2 Attachments

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Dear DOHLE, Arun ,

Please find attached the electronic version of European Commission Decision C(2025) 5954 as adopted by the European Commission on 26/08/2025 concerning the request 2024/6975.

In accordance with the Terms and Conditions of this portal, please note that this decision is being formally notified pursuant to article 297 TFEU through this electronic platform only.

Yours sincerely,

Access to documents team - SG.A.2

sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu, **September 01, 2025**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We hereby acknowledge the receipt of your request for access to documents sent on 01/09/2025 and registered on 01/09/2025 under the case number 2025/4417.

We will handle your request within 15 working days as of the date of registration. The time-limit expires on 22/09/2025. We will let you know if we need to extend this time limit for additional 15 working days.

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Yours faithfully,

Secretariat-General - Access to Documents
European Commission

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ENEST-ACCDOC@ec.europa.eu, **September 19, 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing concerning your request for access to Commission documents registered on 1 September 2025 under case number EASE 2025/4417.

We are currently working on your request. However, we have not yet been able to gather all the elements necessary to carry out a full analysis of your request. We will not be able to send you the reply within the prescribed time limit expiring on 22 September 2025.

The application concerns documents held by different Services, which must be consulted.

Therefore, in line with Article 7(3) of [1]Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, we need to extend this time limit by 15 additional working days. The new time limit expires on 13 October 2025.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Kind regards,

ENEST ACCDOC Team

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ENEST-ACCDOC@ec.europa.eu, **September 22, 2025**

4 Attachments

Initial reply finalised.pdf

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Contribution et position de CARE sur Le scandale de l'interdiction de l'adoption internationale des enfants roumains abandonnés
s Commissioner Frattini.pdf

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CARE.Commissioner Rehn.pdf

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