Review (confirmatory stage)
Exceptions

- Public security
- Defence and military matters
- International relations
- Financial, monetary, economic policy
- Privacy and integrity of individual
- Commercial interests
- Court proceedings & legal advice
- Inspections, investigations & audits
- Decision-making process
Applicants' background

- Citizens: 38.3%
- NGO: 11.9%
- Journalists: 5.9%
- Companies: 9.7%
- Academia: 16.0%
- % of SMEs: 5.5%
- MEPs: 4.8%
Countries of origin

- BE, 33.2%
- DE, 13.2%
- IT, 9.8%
- ES, 8.8%
- NL, 6.4%
- UK, 5.8%
- FR, 5.1%
- Other MSs, 14.0%
- 3rd countries, 3.7%
Ombudsman, litigation

+ 20 Ombudsman cases / year within 2 years

+ 20 Court cases / year within 2 months
Challenges

Wide-scope and imprecise requests ('fishing')

Tight deadlines, especially at confirmatory level
Pro-active transparency

- A large number of documents and information available on DGs' websites

- 18,523 new documents added to the Register of Commission Documents in 2016

- State of the Union speech 2017: commitment to publish all negotiation mandates, Commissioners' mission costs

- Draft delegated and implementing acts, expert groups, legislative files,...
Thank you