European Ombudsman

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Complaint OI/4/2024/MIK

Subject of case: How the European Commission dealt with the use and publication of a study produced under an EU-funded contract

Dear Mr Carter,

On 5 September 2024, the Ombudsman inquiry team held a meeting with representatives of the Commission to obtain information in relation to your complaint. Following the meeting, the inquiry team has inspected an additional document provided by the Commission, which is the addendum of August 2018 to your contract with the Commission.

Please find enclosed the report on the meeting. If you want to make comments on the report, please, do so before 19 November 2024.

It would be useful if you could set out in your comments, in response to the information provided by the Commission representatives, why you believe it is not possible for your organisation to publish the study in open access under the terms established in the permission already granted by the Commission, given that many academic publishers offer possibilities of publishing academic works in open access.

Yours sincerely,

Tina Nilsson
Head of the Case-handling Unit

Enclosure: Report on meeting