

Annex A - Example interview request

Mr. xxx xxx xxx MEP  
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13<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Dear Mr. xxx,

I hope you don't mind me contacting you once again. I am a Doctoral researcher and lecturer in public policy at the Centre for European and International Studies Research, University of Portsmouth and work under the supervision of Professor Wolfram Kaiser and Dr Karen Heard-Lauréote.

As I mentioned in my e-mail of 3<sup>rd</sup> May, I am currently undertaking an ESRC funded project into the transparency of expertise at the EU institutions and how this affects both the development of EU policy and citizen engagement. I am particularly interested in understanding this from the perspective of MEPs from different member states and across the political spectrum. Given your interest in this area, I would very much like to conduct an interview with you, preferably in person and am happy to provide an outline of the types of questions and areas for discussion if requested.

Whilst I am aware that MEPs have many demands on their time, I am flexible on dates and am able to meet at short notice in Brussels or elsewhere.

My contact details are below and I hope to hear from you. I will, however, contact your office by telephone on Friday 18 May to see if arrangements can be made.

Yours Sincerely,

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