## **European Ombudsman**



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Karl Fischer

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Complaint 1296/2014/JN

Dear Mr Fischer,

I am writing in reply to your letter of 22 July 2014 concerning the harmonised standard EN 50561-1.

The Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Statute of the European Ombudsman set certain conditions as to the opening of an inquiry by the Ombudsman. One of these conditions is:

Article 228 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union:

"In accordance with his duties, the Ombudsman shall conduct inquiries for which he finds grounds (...)"

After a careful examination of your complaint, I have concluded that there are not sufficient grounds for opening an inquiry. In fact, the Commission's replies to you appear as convincing and satisfactory and your submissions, which do not effectively challenge the Commission's explanations, do not disclose any possible instance of maladministration.

As regards your argument that CENELEC confirmed the absence of a mandate, it appears that you have not raised this point with the Commission before turning to the Ombudsman. Therefore, I cannot deal with it (Article 2.4 of the Statute). If you want to pursue this point further, you should first submit it to the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

**Emily O'Reilly**