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- Last answer by Commission from 1 April 2016, claims to have fulfilled all requests
 - but deadline for lifting the redactions applied to room documents that were already last year in the reading room expired in early April 2016; **59 room documents are still blackened**;
- What has been done (positive):
 - Explanation of 5000 vs. hundreds of documents;
 - Longer consultation period in reading room and (somewhat) better conditions;
 - List of harmful measures in reading room [but result of assessment unclear for measures found *not harmful*, no justification or criteria]
- But, still unsatisfactory from our view is:
 - With reading room and mailed files, a range of **Code of Conduct Group meeting minutes** is still missing (annex 1):
 - For 1998-2001, few minutes available; no idea of number of meetings since not even agendas shared;
 - For 2002-2004, no minutes made available, although 23 meetings took place;
 - For 2005-2006, some minutes still missing;
 - For 2007-2008, hardly any (only 3 out of 12) minutes available;
 - For 2009-mid-2015, some (few) minutes still missing;
 - For mid-2015 - today, nothing available, although 16 meetings took place.
 - As regards **Code of Conduct Group room documents**, no change (annex 2).
 - Before 2005, documents without date, impossible to know order/completeness etc;
 - After 2005, significant gaps, mostly documents with origin outside Commission (MS, Presidency), but obviously in the possession of the Commission;
 - No access to **Working Party on Direct Taxation and High Level Working Party documents** (probably hundreds of documents). COM seeking Chair's approval first, although TAXE had requested already in April 2015 room documents and meeting minutes of the Working Party on Direct Taxation since 2010.

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Annex 1: Minutes of the CoCG provided by the Commission to TAXE/TAX2 either by mail or in the reading room

Year	Date meeting	By mail	Reading room
1998	08/05/1998	1	
	16/07/1998	1	
1999	16/02/1999	1	
	19/04/1999		
	22/04/1999		
	15/10/1999	1	
2000	22/02/2000	1	
	19/04/2000	1	
	20/09/2000	1	
2001	16/01/2001	1	
	08/11/2001		
2002	19/03/2002		
	18/04/2002		
	06/05/2002		
	15/06/2002		
	11/07/2002		
	17/09/2002		
	17/10/2002		
	19/11/2002		
2003	04/02/2003		
	20/02/2003		
	24/02/2003		
	03/03/2003		
	22/10/2003		
	05/11/2003		
2004	05/03/2004		
	23/03/2004		
	29/04/2004		
	09/07/2004		
	16/07/2004		
	06/10/2004		
	11/10/2004		
	29/10/2004		
	08/11/2004		
2005	24/02/2005		1
	24/05/2005	1	
	15/09/2005		1
	18/10/2005	1	
	23/11/2005	1	
	01/12/2005		

Year	Date meeting	By mail	Reading room
2006	28/03/2006	1	
	27/04/2006	1	
	16/05/2006		
	11/10/2006	1	
	08/11/2006		
2007	13/02/2007	1	
	17/04/2007		
	07/05/2007		
	19/09/2007		
	16/10/2007		
	20/11/2007		
2008	06/02/2008		
	22/04/2008		
	07/05/2008		
	12/05/2008	1	
	09/09/2008		
	18/11/2008	1	
2009	05/02/2009		
	15/05/2009	1	
	29/06/2009	1	
	23/09/2009		1
	27/10/2009	1	
	18/11/2009	1	
2010	14/01/2010	1	
	04/03/2010		1
	25/03/2010	1	
	22/04/2010	1	
	12/05/2010		
	20/05/2010		1
	23/09/2010	1	
	19/11/2010	1	
2011	17/02/2011		1
	11/04/2011	1	
	26/05/2011		1
	13/09/2011		1
	20/10/2011		
	16/11/2011		1
2012	07/02/2012		1
	17/04/2012		1
	04/06/2012		1
	10/09/2012		1
	17/10/2012		1
	08/11/2012		1

Year	Date meeting	By mail	Reading room
2013	30/01/2013	1	
	31/01/2013		1
	20/03/2013		1
	21/03/2013		1
	15/05/2013		
	29/05/2013		1
	11/09/2013		1
	11/10/2013		
	22/10/2013		1
	14/11/2013		
	20/11/2013		1
2014	22/01/2014		1
	27/01/2014		1
	18/03/2014		1
	16/05/2014		
	03/06/2014		1
	16/09/2014		1
	29/09/2014		1
	22/10/2014		1
	13/11/2014		1
	20/11/2014		1
2015	04/02/2015		1
	07/04/2015		1
	08/04/2015		1
	02/06/2015		
	23/07/2015		
	17/09/2015		
	14/10/2015		
	21/10/2015		
	18/11/2015		
2016	27/01/2016		
	02/02/2016		
	12/04/2016		
	17/09/2015		
	14/10/2015		
	21/10/2015		
	18/11/2015		
2016	27/01/2016		
	02/02/2016		
	12/04/2016		

