

## COMPLAINT TO THE EUROPEAN OMBUDSMAN

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On August 29, 2008 DirCredito submitted to the European Commission "DG Employment, Social Affairs & Equal Opportunities" a request for funding for the proposal "Organizing Employee Shareholders' rights in European Companies", being supported by 17 organizations, trans-nationals (UNI Europa and EFES) as well as national trade unions, universities and associations from 12 Member States. See Detailed Programme in appendix 1.

The Call for Proposals (See appendix 2) involved 3 sub-programmes, on which the promotion of employee financial participation; this sub-programme defines as objectives for eligible proposals the exchange of information and good practices concerning employee financial participation, including corporate governance aspects (See Call for Proposals on page 6).

On November 5, 2008 the Commission notified its refusal on the project, the reason being that "The project is inopportune taking into account the economic and financial current environment (promoting financial participation in financial services)" (See appendix 3).

We consider this refusal as irregular because the "Evaluation Committee" was out of its role when assuming a political choice for which it doesn't have any competency: As a matter of fact, the Commission never declared that it could be inopportune to promote employee financial participation, which, at the contrary, continues to be presented as a priority.

Based on this, we addressed a letter to President Barroso on November 12, asking for this negative decision to be revised (appendix 4), the letter being sent both by e-mail and by post.

Until now we didn't get any answer to this request, in contradiction with the Commission's promise that such request should get answer within 15 days.

Domanda\_4= Il Comitato di valutazione ha preso una decisione al di fuori delle proprie competenze, negando il finanziamento ad un progetto conforme al bando di concorso; la Commissione Europea non ha fornito la dovuta risposta al riguardo.

Domanda\_5= Chiediamo l'approvazione del progetto in quanto conforme al bando pubblicato

Domanda\_6= Si. V. punto 3. allegato 4 - lettera di richiesta al Presidente della Commissione di rivedere la decisione. Tale lettera "A" rimasta senza risposta.

Domanda\_9= Desidero che la mia denuncia sia trattata pubblicamente