

Nature of the European Ombudsman's duties

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Nature of the European Ombudsman's duties

The Ombudsman performs his duties with complete independence, in the general interest of the European Communities and of the citizens of the European Union. In the performance of his duties, he neither seeks nor accepts instructions from any government or other body. During his term of office, he may not engage in any political or administrative duties or any other occupation, whether gainful or not.