



The President

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Subject: Reply to your e-mail of 30.10.2015, "personal request from Rikke Karlsson, MEP, to Martin Schulz, President of Parliament"

Dear Ms Karlsson,

Concerning the items raised in your e-mail, I would like to make the following remarks:

MELD and FELD are "Associations sans but lucratif" established under French law and have their seat in Paris.

The relations between the association and their members are therefore governed by the following rules:

- La loi du 1er juillet 1901 relative au contrat d'association;
- Le décret du 16 août 1901 portant règlement d'administration publique pour l'exécution de la loi précitée
- and the statutes of MELD and FELD.

In the event of refusal of any rights resulting from these texts, I recommend that you initiate legal actions through the French courts.

The closure of the accounts of political parties and foundations are governed by :

- Article 9 of Regulation (EC) N° 2004/2003 of 4 November 2003 on the regulation governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding and;
- Articles 6, 6a and 7 of the Decision of the Bureau of 29 March 2004 laying down the procedures for implementing Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding.

The closure of the accounts of MELD and FELD for 2014 were based on the documents referred to in Article 6 paragraph 3 of the Bureau decision.

Apart from some randomly checked invoices, the European Parliament is not in a possession of a full set of accounts with all invoices and other supporting documents. They are located at the premises of the MELD party and the FELD foundation. Please be aware that any extract of accounts of MELD and FELD is not property of the European Parliament, even though their work programmes have been co-financed by the European Parliament.

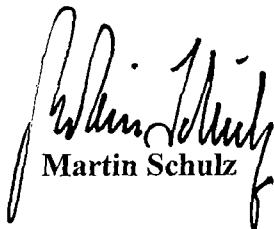
Therefore, once again, I can only recommend you to get the documents from MELD and FELD of which you are a member.

However, in the context of the closure procedure for the year 2015 which is the last year that MELD and FELD applied for a grant, Parliament services will closely follow the items you addressed in your e-mail and I will request the services to conduct a special on-the-spot control pursuant Article 10 paragraph 5 of the Bureau Decision of 29 March 2004.

Besides I understand that you were asked to sign confirmations of your participation to meetings you were not invited to nor attended. Please kindly let me know if my understanding is correct. In addition, could you please specify which meetings are concerned to enable the European Parliament further investigation if necessary? Could you please also inform me if this was the normal practice for other members?

I am looking forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely,



Martin Schulz