



## European Ombudsman

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European Ombudsman

Susan Foster

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Decision of the European Ombudsman concerning complaint 1526/2014/JN  
against OLAF

Dear Ms Foster,

On 1 September 2014, you submitted a complaint to the European Ombudsman against the European Commission concerning alleged irregularities in the assessment of carcinogenic effects of electromagnetic radiations made by cell phones. You stated that you complain on behalf of EM Radiation Research Trust.

After a careful analysis of all the information submitted to me, I regret to inform you that there are insufficient grounds to open an inquiry into your complaint.

In fact, the Commission's reply to you seems convincing and satisfactory. In fact, I note that the Commission carried out verifications and provided assurances that no conflict of interest occurred. As regards the expert/Committee member to whom you refer in your complaint, it appears from the Commission's reply that he could not have a decisive influence on the preliminary opinion since he intervened only as an external expert. The Commission explained that the five expert reports/studies in question were taken on board and **would be taken into account in the final opinion**. The opinion which you challenge is merely a **preliminary** opinion.

Once the final opinion has been adopted, you could renew your complaint to the Ombudsman should you consider that the five expert reports/studies in question were ignored.



I have therefore closed the case.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emily O'Reilly'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the bottom.

Emily O'Reilly