

# EU Budget Transparency

## Briefing session

*Polak Room*

*Résidence Palace*

*Rue de la Loi 155, Brussels*

*Thursday, 7 May 2009*

*14h30 - 15h45*

The people who brought EU farm subsidy payments into the open invite you to a briefing session on EU budget transparency. The briefing session comes just a week after 30 April, the final deadline for member states to publish data on beneficiaries of the common agricultural policy. We will publish an assessment of the progress made in budget transparency under the European Transparency Initiative and announce the forthcoming fishsubsidy.org initiative. The event concludes the First European Open Data Summit, 5-7 May 2009.

### Confirmed speakers:

Commission Vice-President Siim Kallas

Brigitte Alfter - Journalist, editor-in-chief of wobbling.eu and co-founder of farmsubsidy.org

Sara Hagermann - EU Vote Watch

Markus Knigge - Pew Environment Group

Jana Mittermaier - Transparency International, Brussels

Nils Mulvad - Journalist, data analyst and co-founder of farmsubsidy.org

Jack Thurston - GMF Transatlantic Fellow and co-founder of farmsubsidy.org

The session is kindly hosted by the German Marshall Fund of the United States. RSVP to Alwyn Spencer at GMF - [aspencer@gmfus.org](mailto:aspencer@gmfus.org) or 0032 (0) 2 238 5270.

**Who we are.** We are a network of journalists, researchers, activists and programmers working together, across borders, to push the boundaries of government data transparency in the EU.

**What we do.** We use our rights under access-to-information law to open up government-held data to public scrutiny and make data available to the public.

**Why we do it.** We all have a right to know how what the government does on our behalf, whether that means spending money or doing other things that affect our everyday lives. National governments and EU institutions hold enormous quantities of data, collected at our expense but too often kept secret.



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