

Letter: Request for information on EIB loans to Volkswagen

TO: EIB Info Desk

Send by email on Friday 25 September 2015 at 10:58 am CET

Dear Sir/Madame

I would like to request some information related to the EIB's loans to Volkswagen ("VW") group between 2005-2015. According to CEE Bankwatch Network research based on the EIB online database, there were 17 loans to "VW" group for the sum exceeding 4 billion Euro, out of which 12 loans aimed at fuel efficiency and emissions reduction and five were classified as EIB's Climate Action:

MAN TRUCKS RDI, 2009
SCANIA 2020 FUEL EFFICIENCY, 2013 – Climate Action
SCANIA EMISSIONS REDUCTION RDI, 2007
SCANIA TRUCKS CLEAN ENGINE R&D, 2009
SCANIA TRUCKS RDI, 2008
SKODA / VW SK CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT, 2005
SKODA / VW SK CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT, 2005
SKODA ENGINE RDI, 2014 – Climate Action
SKODA RDI & PRODUCTION INVESTMENTS, 2009
SKODA RDI & PRODUCTION INVESTMENTS, 2010 – Climate Action
VOLKSWAGEN ANTRIEB RDI, 2009 – Climate Action
VW INNOVATIVE POWERTRAINS, 2014 – Climate Action

In reference to revealing that "VW" group installed defeat devices in its cars which artificially lowered emissions I consider that probability of misused public funding by "VW" group constitutes overriding public interest in disclosure of documents related to these loans. Specifically I request access to:

1. Loan contracts related to above listed projects including environmental and technical requirements.
2. Reports and evidences provided by "VW" group within the above loans.
3. Information whether car models in which defeat devices were installed were covered by the EIB loans
4. Information on which models of "VW" group were covered by the above loans.
5. Were there any other loans from the EIB to "VW" group from 2005-2015 which are not on the list above?
6. Information on EIB's undertakings in relation to revealed misconduct by "VW" group.
7. Information whether the EIB plans to request new evidences from "VW" group related to environmental and technical requirements of the contracts.
8. Information whether the EIB plans to request new evidences (based on real emissions and fuel efficiency testing) from other automotive sector companies which were beneficiaries of the EIB research and development loans.

Yours sincerely,

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