

At their meeting yesterday, President Toomas Hendrik Ilves and European Ombudsman Nikiforos Diamandouros discussed the need to guarantee greater transparency regarding the European Union's activities and its conformity with the principles of good administration.

The European Ombudsman acknowledged the Nordic countries, including Estonia, for openness in the governance of their countries.

President Ilves and Ombudsman Diamandouros confirmed that utilization of the European Union's budgetary funds in the interests of the Community and its member states must be under strict control, and insufficient information in this regard damages the reputation of the European Union in the eyes of its citizens.

The Estonian Head of State considered it important that European Union legislation be clear and comprehensible to the citizens.

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