

Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs to host AMA on Reddit on EU transparency

‘Ask Koenders Anything’

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SUMMARY

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Minister Koenders will open the AMA thread on Monday morning, 08:30 CET and will sit down to answer questions for half an hour in the afternoon, starting at 1545 CET. The AMA can be followed by everybody– even without a Reddit account – at www.reddit.com/r/IAmA/. To ask the minister a question you need to register for a Reddit account.

The Dutch Foreign Minister wants to improve transparency of EU decision-making, for example through the use of digital technology. Developers, government officials, journalists and activists from all over Europe will shine their light on EU decision-making and open government as [TransparencyCamp Europe](#) comes to Amsterdam on 1 June 2016. [Open State Foundation](#) together with the [Dutch Presidency of the Council of the European Union](#), launch a series of events: an online European-wide open data [app competition](#), hackathons in a number of European capitals and TransparencyCamp Europe, an [unconference](#) for open government in Amsterdam.

About Reddit Ask Me Anything

An Ask Me Anything (also know as an AMA or IAmA) is a part of the online platform [Reddit](#), in which

interesting or wellknown figures offer members of Reddit the oipportunity to ask them literally anything. You will be able to find the [Ask Me Anything](https://www.reddit.com/r/IAmA) session at www.reddit.com/r/IAmA.



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 **TransparencyCamp Europe**
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Open State Foundation promotes digital transparency by unlocking open data and stimulates the development of innovative and creative applications.



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