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Dear Ms Freeman,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2015/3785

We refer to your e-mail dated 16/07/2015 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 16/07/2015 under the above-mentioned reference number.

In your original request you requested access to:

- a list of meetings of DG Connect officials/representatives (excluding the European Commissioner, his Cabinet and the Director-General) and interest representatives (including companies, consultancies and law firms, trade/business/professional associations, think tanks and NGOs) between December 1st 2014 and today.

You wrote that the list should include the following information:

- the date of the meeting,
- which companies/organisations were present at the meeting,
- names of the lobbyist(s) that were present,
- the sector they represented (business, NGOs, academia, think tanks),
- the name and job title of the European Commission officials that were present (e.g. head of unit, etc.),
- the issues discussed, if possible in sufficient detail so as to identify the dossiers or policy initiatives covered.

In our reply of 31/07/2015 we pointed out that your application implies the examination of a very large number of documents related to meetings over a long period of time and also concerned a large number of documents related to meetings without specifying those specific policy areas that are of your concern.

We also pointed out that the description given in your application does not enable us to identify concrete documents which would correspond to your request.

Therefore we invited you, to provide us with more detailed information on the documents which you seek to obtain, such as specific areas of interest or specific stakeholders concerned by the documents you wished to obtain.

In your reply of 07/08/2015 you replied that you would still like to have a list of all the meetings since 1 December 2014 with Commission officials employed at grades AD 9 - AD 16 (including Deputy Directors-General, Principal Advisers, Directors, Heads of Unit and Deputy Heads of Unit, excluding translators and interpreters) regardless of the topic area or legislative file covered, that contains the following information: which companies/organisations were present at the meeting, names of the lobbyist(s) that were present, the sector they represented (business, NGOs, academia, think tanks), the name and job title of the European Commission officials that were present (e.g. head of unit, etc.), the issues discussed, if possible in sufficient detail so as to identify the dossiers or policy initiatives covered.

We regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application (a list of all the meetings since 1 December 2014 containing specific information on the issues discussed and the participants).

Indeed, as specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such document (a list of all the meetings since 1 December 2014 containing specific information on the issues discussed and the participants) have been identified, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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