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Ref.: EEA/HB 40460

**Subject: Access to information request – Correspondence and meetings between FACE and DG Environment**

Dear Sir,

I refer to your message of 7 October 2014 (Ref.: HB40250) requesting access to the following documents in pursuance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001<sup>1</sup>:

- (1) All correspondence between the European Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation (FACE) and DG Environment regarding the birds directive and the habit directive between the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2013 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2014.
- (2) The list of meetings with detailed minutes and any other reports of such meetings between the European Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation (FACE) and DG Environment regarding the birds directive and the habit directive, from between the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2013 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2014.

After examination of your request, I regret to inform you that no access can be granted. The reasons for this decision are set out below.

As you may know, the European Environment Agency (EEA) produces reports on the state and trends of the environment in Europe. The EEA was not involved in any ways in any dealings between the European Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation (FACE) and the Directorate-General for Environment of the European Commission regarding the birds directive and the habitat directive. In the course of 2013, EEA only participated in the conference entitled "*Biodiversity 2020: Hunting for solutions*" organised by the European Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation (FACE) (<http://www.face.eu/about-us/resources/events/biodiversity-2020-hunting-for-solutions-conference>).

Therefore,

- (1) the EEA does not hold any information written, visual, oral or electronic on the correspondence exchange between the European Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation (FACE) and DG ENV on the topic of the birds directive and habitat directive;
- (2) there has been no communication between the EEA and the services of DG ENV and the European Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation (FACE), in which the birds directive and habitat directive are discussed, between the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2013 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2014.

<sup>1</sup> Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145/43 of 31.5.2001).

I invite you to apply to the services of the European Commission from which you may obtain information relevant to your request. Relevant contact details can be viewed at:

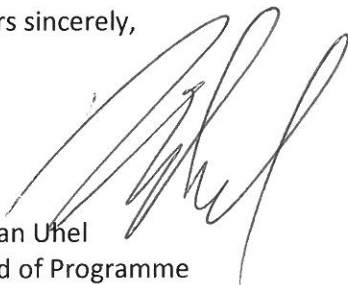
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Please be informed that in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you may, within 15 working days from receipt of this reply, make a confirmatory application asking the EEA to reconsider its position with regard to access to the requested documents.

I hope you may find this information helpful and take the opportunity to thank you for your interest in the work of the EEA.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Uhel', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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