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The Director-General

Brussels,
REGIO DG/WD

*By registered letter with
acknowledgement of receipt*

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2015-2902

Ref.: Your request of 26/05/2015; by email.

Dear Sir

We refer to your e-mail dated 26 May 2015 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same date under the above-mentioned reference number. I also refer to the holding reply dated 16 June 2015, regarding the extension of the time limit for handling your application.

Your application concerns the following documents and information:

- *“the latest DG REGIO staff guidance which covers the application of financial corrections for non-compliance with the rules on public procurement”*
- *“a list of all the corrections imposed, in respect of non-compliance with the purchase of goods, works and services in ESIF projects, at the direction of DG REGIO since 1.1.2014 which relate to breaches outside the scope of the definition of irregularity and to organisations outside the interpretative communication ”*

Further to our email of 5 December, we have analysed in more detail your request and inform you that, in regard to the **first part of your request** (i.e. the first point above), the requested documents are available in annex to this letter.

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Concerning the **second part of your request** (i.e. *"a list of all the corrections imposed, in respect of non-compliance with the purchase of goods, works and services in ESIF projects, at the direction of DG REGIO since 1.1.2014 which relate to breaches outside the scope of the definition of irregularity and to organisations outside the interpretative communication "* we regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application. Indeed, our services do not have such list.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 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 documents have been identified, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

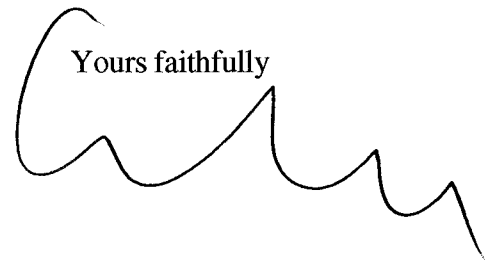
In case you are looking for a specific financial correction, we would kindly ask you to indicate some more exact information which allows the Commission to identify the requested document and analyse whether access can be granted or access has to be refused on the basis of the exceptions provided by Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 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:

European Commission
Secretary-General
Transparency unit SG-B-5
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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large initial 'W' followed by a series of loops and a final downward stroke.

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Copy: Directorate Regional and Urban Policy, Head of Unit C.1
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