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The Director-General

Brussels,
REGIO.DGA1.C1/PL

Sent by email only

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016-3444

Ref.: Your request of 17 June 2016; our email of 6 July

Dear Sir

We refer to your e-mail dated 17 June, in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same date under the above-mentioned reference number. On 6 July, our services inform you that we extended the time limit with 15 working days, in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 (hereafter "the Regulation") regarding public access to documents and that the new time limit expires on 3rd August.

For ease of reference, we quote below your application:

"Documents which contain the following information:

1) Data on the level and total amount of financial corrections applied to all EU-28 countries (for each individual country and overall) resulted from the misuse of EU funding during 2007-2013;

2) Internal summaries and/or audit reports on financial corrections that would provide an understanding of the main reasons for applying financial corrections for ERDF / CF funds across the EU."

We regret to inform you that the description given in your application does not enable us to identify concrete documents that would correspond to your request. However, we have identified the following documents that may address your query:

1. Commission Staff Working Paper on analysis of errors in Cohesion:
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docoffic/working/doc/errors_analysis_2011_en.pdf ;

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http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/

2. Report on financial corrections carried out for ERDF and ESF for 2000-06 programmes:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/document/activities/cont/201304/20130415ATT64480/20130415ATT64480EN.pdf>

3. PIF report (Annual Report 2014 on the Protection of the EU's Financial Interests – Fight against fraud (2015/2128(INI)): https://ec.europa.eu/anti-fraud/reports_en

4. Communication on the protection of the EU budget: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/library/biblio/documents/management/COM_2015_503_final_en.pdf

5. Annual Activity Reports for DG Regional and Urban Policy, the latest one available via this link: http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/synthesis/aar/doc/regio_aar_2015.pdf

In relation to the 2nd part of your request and in case you are looking for a specific audit report(s) written by our services concerning programmes co-financed by ERDF/CF, we would kindly ask you, pursuant to Article 6(2) of the Regulation, to indicate more exact information on the documents which you seek to obtain, such as references, dates or periods during which the documents would have been produced, persons or bodies who drafted the documents, etc.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of the Regulation, 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
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Yours faithfully

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