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Ms Luisa Izuzquiza
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Your request A 85/2018, dated 16 January 2018

Dear Ms Izuzquiza,

We refer to your request for access to documents, registered on 17 January 2018 under reference number A 85/2018.

Your request concerns, in substance, the travel expenses and related costs (for instance on accommodation) of the President of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) in the year 2016, who at that time was Mr Markku Markkula.

On behalf of the CoR, I am pleased to transmit to you the requested document.

Please note that the CoR members (including the CoR President) do not receive any form of remuneration from the EU budget in relation to the performance of their duties. However, pursuant to the internal regulations adopted for this purpose¹, the CoR reimburses the travel expenses (in most cases, air, rail, bus or boat fares) actually incurred by its members for journeys to and from Brussels and the places where

¹ At present, Regulation No 8/2017 of the Bureau on the reimbursement of travel expenses and the payment of flat-rate travel and meeting allowances for members and alternates of the European Committee of the Regions and Decision No 21/2018 of the Secretary General on the implementing provisions for Regulations No 008/2017, No 9/2017, No 2/2018 of the European Committee of the Regions.

For the period corresponding to your request (2016), the relevant rules were Regulation No 3/2014 of the Bureau of the Committee of the Regions on the refund of travel expenses and the payment of flat-rate travel and meeting allowances for members and alternates of the Committee of the Regions and Decision No 120/2014 of the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions on the implementing provisions for Regulation No 3/2014, No 4/2014 and No 5/2014 of the Committee of the Regions.

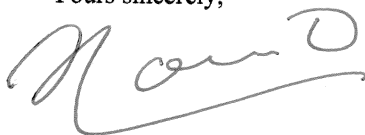
CoR meetings take place or for duly approved missions. On these occasions the CoR also pays them flat-rate travel and meeting allowances to cover their other expenses (such as accommodation and meals).

In response to your request, please find attached a table with information about the date, subject, venue and expenses of each meeting of former President Markkula in the year 2016. This information was extracted from the relevant CoR database. Please note that the former CoR President did not travel by air taxi.

In accordance with Article 7 of CoR Decision No 64/2003 you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the European Committee of the Regions to review its position. This confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days of receipt of this letter at the following address:

European Committee of the Regions
Transparency and Document Access Service
Rue Belliard 101
B-1040 Brussels
or by e-mail to: transparence@cor.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K. Lambertz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Karl-Heinz Lambertz

Enclosure: Table on travel expenses of President Markkula in 2016