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**Subject: Your application for access to documents**  
**Ref GestDem No 2018/3651 - Ares(2018)3629416**

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail dated 6 July 2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 9 July 2018 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to 'All documents - including but not limited to application, emails, papers, reports and minutes - created by and/or sent to the Commission related to the European Regional Development Fund project(s) by Stichting de Zaanse Schans in the Netherlands'.

I consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your initial application, i.e. 9 July 2018.

Your application concerns the documents that are listed in the annex.

Some of the documents to which you have requested access contain personal data.

Pursuant to Article 4(1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to a document has to be refused if its disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data. The applicable legislation in this field is Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data.

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable.

According to Article 8(b) of this Regulation, personal data shall only be transferred to recipients if they establish the necessity of having the data transferred to them and if

there is no reason to assume that the legitimate rights of the persons concerned might be prejudiced.

We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and/or that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing a version of the documents requested in which these personal data have been redacted.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the redacted data are personal data, which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the applicable rules on the protection of personal data, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, 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-4  
BERL 5/288  
B-1049 Bruxelles or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Please note that these documents were received by the Commission from the Netherlands' authorities in the context of the ERDF co-financed operational programme for the West of the Netherlands ('Kansen voor West' 2007-2013). They are disclosed for information only. They do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

Please also note that for some reports, e.g. annual implementation reports, one or more draft versions may have been received by the Commission. In such cases we enclose the final version only.

Yours faithfully,

*electronically signed*

Leo Maier  
Head of Unit

Annex: list of documents and copy of the documents

## ANNEX LIST OF DOCUMENTS

- Revised final report on the ERDF co-financed operational programme 'Kansen voor West' -  
[file: *aangepast eindverslag Kansen voor West 2007-2013.pdf*] - (EC ref. Ares(2018)551456);
- Annual Implementation Report 2014 on the ERDF co-financed operational programme 'Kansen voor West' -  
[file: *IR.IR Jaarverslag Kansen voor West 2014 - Definitief jaarverslag 2014-6.pdf*] - (EC ref. Ares(2015)2710486);
- Final report system audit managing authority West -  
[file: *AR.AR MA West definitief rapport systeemaudit - Definitief VFB AA systeemaudit MA West 2013 d.d. 10-dec-14.pdf*] - (EC ref. Ares(2014)4158984);
- Annual Implementation Report 2013 on the ERDF co-financed operational programme 'Kansen voor West' -  
[file: *IR.IR Jaarverslag Kansen voor West 2013 - 017-264 Jaarverslag 2013-5.pdf*] - (EC ref. Ares(2014)2048987);
- Annual Implementation Report 2012 on the ERDF co-financed operational programme 'Kansen voor West' -  
[file: *IR.IR Jaarverslag 2012 - Jaarverslag Kansen voor West 2012.pdf*] - (EC ref. Ares(2013)2770881);
- Annual Implementation Report 2011 on the ERDF co-financed operational programme 'Kansen voor West' –  
[file: *IR.IR 2011 jaarverslag met opmaak - 2011 jaarverslag met opmaak.pdf*] - (EC Ref. Ares(2012)937406);
- Annual Implementation Report 2010 on the ERDF co-financed operational programme 'Kansen voor West' -  
[file: *IR.IR Jaarverslag 2010 - 017-246 jaarverslag-12.pdf*] - (Ec Ref. 1078453);
- Annual Implementation Report 2009 on the ERDF co-financed operational programme 'Kansen voor West' -  
[file: *IR.IR Jaarverslag 2009 Operationeel Programma Kansen voor West - Aangepast jaarverslag 2009 per oktober 2010.pdf*] - (EC ref. Ares(2010)658885).

The annual implementation reports and the final implementation report are available on the website of the Kansen voor West programme:

<https://www.kansenvoorwest2.nl/nl/programma/over-kansen-voor-west-2/>.