Brussels, REGIO/ML

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/6764

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail dated 18/11/2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 20/11/2019 under the above-mentioned reference number.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. Under the principles of shared management, Member States at the appropriate territorial level are responsible for preparing and implementing operational programmes through calls for projects, project selection and implementation. The Commission is not part of this process and therefore does not retain any documents related to individual projects, being part of an operational programme.

Kindly note that the specific project (National Adoption Information System), which is the object of your request, is being implemented in the framework of the Competitiveness Operational Programme for Romania. We would therefore suggest that you take contact with the relevant Managing Authority for further information at the following contact address:

Managing Authority for the Competitiveness Operational Programme Str. Mendeleev nr.34, sect. 1, Bucuresti, Romania

Director general – Svetlana Gomboş Email: svetlana.gombos@fonduri-ue.ro

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, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

Mr. Dohle Arun Against Child Trafficking c/o Easy Start Office Email: ask+request-7463-dc49beed@asktheeu.org

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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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Secretariat-General

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Yours faithfully,

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