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**Mr. Kurt Weiss**  
Via [www.asktheeu.org](http://www.asktheeu.org)

**Subject: Request to access documents under Regulation (EC) 1049/2001: CoR training rules**  
**Ref.: Your request dated 10/09/2013**

Dear Mr. Weiss,

We carefully examined your requests and read the FRA documents you sent to us.

As stipulated by article 24a of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities, the Committee of the Regions (CoR) has implemented a training policy designed to facilitate access to training actions for its staff members, provided it is compatible with the proper functioning of CoR departments and in so far as the available funds allow.

CoR does not have specific contracts or grants with European Universities (as we understood it is the case for FRA), but implements a policy focussed on helping interested staff members to enjoy further academic training (in terms of compensatory leave and registration fees reimbursement – under certain conditions).

The attached decisions comprise the main legal framework for the CoR training policy (and lay down the provisions regarding access to academic studies in the articles shown in *italics*):

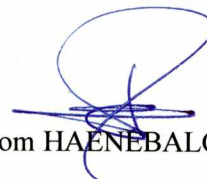
- Decision 630/08 Decision on the rules to vocational training at the CoR & Decision 53/13 modifying articles 15 and 16 of the aforementioned decision (*see articles 17-20*);
- Decision (Dir. A) 01/08 concerning the implementing provisions for vocational training at the CoR (*see articles 18-21*)

All applications for further training must be approved by the direct superior of the person concerned and authorised in advance by the training department.

At present, no requests under the Study Support Scheme you refer to have been made by our staff members.

We hope this information duly answers your questions and thank you for the interest shown in the Committee of the Regions' training policy.

Sincerely,



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