



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
SECRETARIAT-GENERAL

Recovery & Resilience Task Force

Brussels  
SG.RECOVER.A.4/AR

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/1680**

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail dated 17 March 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 18 March 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested the following:

- “Evidence of any work or services, of any kind, provided by third-parties (e.g. consultancy firms) to the Secretariat General of the European Commission, the in relation to a) Recovery and Resilience Facility and b) ReactEU.

I refer to both paid and pro-bono work and services, concerning any aspects of the abovementioned initiatives.

- Names of the identified third-parties, description of the work or services provided.

- All correspondence between the Secretariat General of the European Commission and the following parties, concerning a) NextGenerationEU, b) Recovery and Resilience Facility, and c) ReactEU: McKinsey & Company; Boston Consulting Group; PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC); Ernst & Young Global Limited (EY); Deloitte; Accenture plc.”

We have examined the files of SG.RECOVER in relation to the elements of your request that concern the Recovery and Resilience Facility. We consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your initial application, i.e. 17 March 2021.

Together with Directorate-General Economic and Financial Affairs, we have identified a number of documents falling within the scope of your application, which were communicated to you on 3 May 2021. On 13 May 2021 you have confirmed that you request access to all of the identified documents. Our reply concerns documents number 19 and 20 from the provided list:

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- 7 January 2021 - E-mails regarding appointment for a meeting between ECFIN, SG.RECOVER and PwC (January 2021) [registered under Ares(2021)2706051], “document 20”;
- 16 January 2021 - E-mail (with presentation in attachment) from PwC to ECFIN and SG.RECOVER on the challenges in relation to the Recovery and Resilience Plan [registered under Ares(2021)2682488], “document 19”.

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Yours faithfully,

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Enclosure:                      Copy of documents 19 and 20