Subject: Your application for access to documents Case 2024/2456

Dear Mr Schmalenberger,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 14 May 2024 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. Indeed, in order to support the implementation of the European Accessibility Act, the Commission issued a new standardisation request to the European Standardisation Organisations (M/587). The mandate includes the revision of the standards currently in place in the areas of the built environment and ICT and on a Design for All approach (by 15 September 2025) and the development of three new standards on the accessibility of non-digital information related to products, of support services related to products and services and on the accessibility and interoperability of emergency communications (the first two by 15 March 2026 and the third by 15 January 2027). The Commission did not receive any draft standards yet. You may wish to contact the European standardisation organisation ETSI and CEN/CENELEC for further information.

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.

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1 Commission Implementing Decision on a standardisation request to the European standardisation organisations as regards the accessibility requirements of products and services in support of Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
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.

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 to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it

by mail, to:
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Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
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Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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