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REGISTERED LETTER WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2015/3147

Dear Ms Fiedler.

I refer to your e-mail dated 10/06/2015 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 11/06/2015 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You have requested access to the following documents:

- A list of meetings of Günther Oettinger, his Cabinet or advisors with external stakeholders since November 2014.
- All documents related to meetings of Günther Oettinger, his Cabinet or advisors with external stakeholders since November 2014.

In addition, I would like to refer to the replies sent by our services to Netzpolitik following GestDem requests 2014/5549 and 2015/1272, where we have provided access to documents falling under the scope of your current request for the period between 10/09/2014 and 20/11/2014 (under Gestdem 2014/5549) and also (with a reduced scope) for the period between 01/11/2014 and 02/03/2015 (under Gestdem 2015/1272).

I would also like to inform you that the list of meetings that Commissioner Oettinger and his Cabinet members had with external stakeholders is available on the European Commission's website at:

Commission européenne/Europese Commissie, 1049 Bruxelles/Brussel, BELGIQUE/BELGIË - Tel. +32 2 299 1111 - Office: BU25 05/081 - Tel. direct line +32 229-97671 - Fax +32 229-69229

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http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyinitiative/meetings/meeting.do?host=f24e4f06-d181-4f58-9604-3aaf3ce391ea

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As this information is publicly available our services will not provide you any documents concerning this part of your request and we kindly ask you to visit the abovementioned websites in order to obtain the information on the list of meetings.

Concerning the second part of your application, the handling of your request will involve the analysis of a large set of documents in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of Regulation 1049/2001. It will be therefore very burdensome and hard for our services to carry out this task without a reasonable narrowing of the scope of your request.

The Regulation 1049/2001 provides for a possibility to confer with applicants in order to find a fair solution when an application concerns a very large number of documents. Article 6(3) provides that "in the event of an application relating to a very long document or to very large number of documents, the institution concerned may confer with the applicant informally, with a view to finding a fair solution".

Based on this I would kindly ask you to consider narrowing the scope of your request, so as to reduce it to a more manageable amount of documents. In particular, I would like to ask you

- to specify concretely the limited number of stakeholders in which you are interested (instead of using the vague term 'external stakeholders') by for example specifying names of organizations, and
- to specify more concretely those limited number of topics or areas in which you are interested in (instead of simply referring to all documents).

Yours faithfully,

Antoaneta Angelova-Krasteva