



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Leonardo Evangelista
via Mazzini 14
50053 Empoli Fi
Italy

By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2015/3655

Dear Mr Evangelista,

I refer to your e-mail dated 9/07/2015 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 09/07/2015 under the above mentioned reference number.

Your application concerns the following documents:

- (a) the list (including code number, name of the project, name of the applicant, amount granted, country where submitted) of all the Strategic partnerships in the field of education, training and youth (Erasmus+) funded by the European Union under the Call for proposals EAC/S11/13.
- (b) the list (including code number, name of the project, name of the applicant, country where submitted) of all the proposals for Strategic partnerships in the field of education, training and youth (Erasmus+) submitted to the European Union under the Call for proposals EAC/S11/13.

With regard to the document requested under (a), please find in annex to this letter a full list of all Strategic partnerships in the field of education, training and youth (Erasmus+) funded by the European Union under the Call for proposals EAC/S11/13.

As regards the document requested under (b), having examined it under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I regret to inform you that your application cannot be granted, as disclosure is prevented by the exception to the right of access laid down in Article 4(2), first indent of this Regulation.

The document which you seek to obtain contains information which would allow readers to identify the organizations or entities which were unsuccessful in their application for an EU grant under the above-mentioned call for proposals.

Disclosure of this document would undermine the commercial interests of those organizations or entities, as putting this information in the public domain could give rise to potential misrepresentation of the project development and implementation capabilities of those organizations or entities. Disclosing this information could therefore negatively affect their reputation, and, consequently, their competitive position.

We have considered whether partial access could be granted to the document requested. However, partial access is not possible, as the remaining parts after expunging the confidential information would in fact be meaningless.

The exceptions laid down in Article 4(2) of Regulation 1049/2001 apply unless there is an overriding public interest in disclosure of the documents. In this case, we do not see any reason why the public interest in making the content of this document public would outweigh the harm disclosure would cause to the interest protected by the invoked exception, particularly since the names of the organization or entities selected for EU funding have been made public.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretary-General
Transparency unit SG-B-4
BERL 5/327
B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,



Xavier Prats Monné

Annex: List of all Strategic partnerships in the field of education, training and youth (Erasmus+) funded by the European Union under the Call for proposals EAC/S11/13.