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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/3631

Dear Mr Pavlou,

I would like to thank you for your e-mail of 03/08/2016, providing additional clarifications in relation to your request for access to documents registered on 30/06/2016 under the above mentioned reference number.

Your application concerns "*documents which contain the following information: a list of meetings on the topic of the EU copyright directive between DG Connect officials/representatives (excluding the European Commissioner, his Cabinet and the Director-General) and all interest representatives (including companies, consultancies and law firms, trade/business/professional associations, think tanks and NGOs) between 1 November 2014 and today*". In particular, you clarified that your request refers specifically to the Directive 2014/26/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on collective management of copyright and related rights and multi-territorial licensing of rights in musical works for online use in the internal market (the 'CRM Directive'). You also indicated that you would like the list to include the following information: the date of the meeting, the name and job title of the European Commission officials that were present, the names of interest representatives (company/organisation name) present at the meeting, the names of the lobbyist(s) present and the sector they represented (business, NGOs, academia, think tanks as per categories of EU transparency register if registered).

We regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Indeed, as specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents have been identified, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

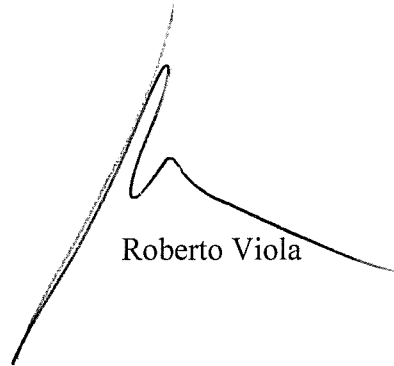
In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

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 5/282
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Yours sincerely,



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