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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/3882

Dear Ms. Katzemich,

I refer to your e-mail dated 12/07/2016 in which request access to documents, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number. I also refer to our request for clarification Ref Ares(2016)3979463 dated on 28/07/2016.

In your request of 07/09/2016 with regard to meetings held by Commissioner Oettinger with external parties in 2015/2016, you say "the list on Mr. Oettinger's Commission Website is not sufficient, because we understand that meetings between Mr. Oettinger and unregistered lobbyists cannot be physically uploaded to the Commission's published lobby meetings list. So we would like to have a comprehensive offline-list."

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. No documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application.

The [public list](#)¹ on Mr. Oettinger's website, to which you refer, therefore contains all meetings with stakeholders but this notion does not include representatives of other Union institutions or bodies, national, regional and local authorities of Member States and of third countries or international organisations as mentioned in articles 2 and 3 of the [Commission Decision of 25 November 2014](#)² on the publication of information on

¹ <http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyinitiative/meetings/meeting.do?host=f24e4f06-d181-4f58-9604-3aaf3ce391ea>

² <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014D0839&qid=1446055095485&from=EN>

meetings held between Members of the Commission and organisations or self-employed individuals.

As a consequence, the meetings not registered on the website are those with public services (e.g. members of parliament, public authorities or civil servants).

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
B-1049 Bruxelles
or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,



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