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***By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt***

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Dear Ms. Reda,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2017/7583**

We refer to your e-mail dated 21/12/2017 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 21/12/2017 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to:

- all information held by EPSC concerning the JRC draft paper "The economics of online news aggregation and neighbouring rights for news publishers" to EPSC (as well as comments, analysis, position papers, memos, etc).
- any information concerning copyright or neighbouring rights for press publishers.

Having examined your request under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I regret to inform you that we are not in a position to provide you with feedback that you are looking for.

The EPSC, as the in-house think tank, does not take part in the decision-making process of the Commission *per se*, and abstain from giving formal contributions or comments during the shaping of Commission policies, i.e. in the inter-service consultation process.

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:

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Secretary-General  
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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Mettler', with a stylized, flowing script.

Ann METTLER  
Director-General