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Subject: Your request for access to the travel expenses of ERCEA's Director in 2016.

Dear Ms. Izuzquiza,

We hereby would like to reply to your request of 16 January 2018, which was registered under reference Ares(2018)546034.

You have requested access to "the travel expenses of ERCEA's Director, for the period 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 inclusive".

More precisely, you have asked for "documents that contain, for each of the trips, the following information:

- Place of origin and destination, and the amount spent on travel or transportation;
- Exact dates and duration of the trip;
- Amount spent on accommodation;
- Amount spent on subsistence;
- Other information, such as possible miscellaneous costs".

In addition, in case of "travel by air taxi and a team of people were travelling", you also requested access to "the documents with details on the other travellers (at a minimum, names and job titles)". 
Please, note that we have assessed your request under Regulation (EC) N° 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to documents.

We are pleased to inform you that we have identified a document detailing all travel expenses of ERCEA’s Director for the requested period, and which includes the information you requested. In accordance with the above mentioned Regulation, the ERCEA services have concluded that we can provide you full access to this document. You will find it attached to this email.

There were in total 3 missions (business trips) of ERCEA’s Director in 2016. These missions consist of the participation of ERCEA’s Director in two plenary meetings of ERC’s Scientific Council in Copenhagen (April 2016) and Dublin (October 2016); and in an event held in Maastricht (June 2016). The mission to the Copenhagen’ plenary meeting appears twice in the identified document due to airport disruptions on the scheduled day of departure which required a change for another flight on the same day. The travel expenses of each of the missions listed includes flight tickets, accommodation bills and transport tickets.

Please, be informed that there were no expenses related to air taxi travelling.

Taking into account the amount of paperwork attached to each mission, we believe that this document provides you with a complete overview of the travel expenses of ERCEA's Director in 2016.

I hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Laurence Moreau
Head of Unit

Enclosed: Document exported from the IT system