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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Facebook interactions of the EACEA

Dear Mrs Izuzquiza,

I refer to your e-mail of 07 March 2019 sent to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (hereinafter "the Agency") via the *AsktheEU.org* website, in which you make a request for documents referring to "*all lobby meetings held by this agency with Facebook or its intermediaries...for the period between 26 April 2018 to date*" seeking in particular:

"- date, individuals attending and organisational affiliation, as well as the issues discussed;

- all minutes and other reports of these meetings;

- all correspondence, including attachments (i.e. any emails, correspondence or telephone call notes) between this agency (including the Director and the Cabinet) and Facebook or any intermediaries representing its interests; and

- all documents prepared for the purpose of the meeting and/or exchanged during the course of the meeting."

As for any request for documents, your request of 07 March 2019 has been registered by the Agency on 04 April 2019¹ as an initial application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001² and the Agency's Steering Committee Decision³.

¹ Reference number Ares(2019)2390142

² Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, OJ L145, 31.05.2001

³ Decision AE/2005/CD03/D-1 of the Agency's Steering Committee of 13 June 2005, adopting implementing rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, [link](#)

In our e-mail of 04 April 2019 acknowledging the receipt of your request, we have informed you that your e-mail of 07 March 2019 sent to the *AsktheEU.org* website went straight to the “Junk E-mail” folder. Please note that this is a private third-party website, which has no link with any institution of the European Union, hence, the Executive Agency cannot be held accountable for any technical issues or problems linked to the use of this system.

In reply to your initial request for access to documents, we regret to inform you that the Executive Agency does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Please note that during the abovementioned period the Agency did not hold any lobby meetings with Facebook or its intermediaries. For this reason, the information requested is not included in any existing document.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that the Executive Agency holds no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, the Agency is not in a position to fulfil your request.

Review possibilities

In accordance with Article 7, paragraph 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Agency to review its position. Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Agency's Director at the following address:

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Yours sincerely,

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