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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/2028

Dear Ms Martí,

We refer to your application dated 29/03/2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 01/04/2019 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to a complete of list of all meetings held by any member of the Directorate-General for Budget (DG BUDG) with churches, religious associations or communities, as well as with philosophical and non-confessional organisations, from 1 January 2014 onwards, specifying the status of the organization (church, religious association or community, philosophical association or non-confessional association).

You also request access to all documents, including all emails, minutes, reports or other documents received or drawn up before, during or after the meetings, and any other briefing papers related to these meetings.

We regret to inform you that DG BUDG does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application, as no meetings took place in the period you indicated.

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, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by DG BUDG, DG BUDG is not in a position to fulfil 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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours faithfully,

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