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Our ref.: DPR-2021-OUT-1809-KEEIKh

Dear Ms Toma,

Re: Your application for access to documents – Ref 21-2280

We refer to your email dated 14 April 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 14 April 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested "*documents which contain the following information:*

The table of all European Union countries containing who is considered a dead victim of the SARS-CoV-2, in other word, how to count the dead cases of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I'd like to see a similar table to this:

<https://analysis.covid19healthsystem.org/index.php/2020/06/04/how-comparable-is-covid-19-mortality-across-countries/>

We regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application, as ECDC does not maintain a database of information about how COVID-19 deaths are defined in the EU Member States.

Indeed, 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 have been identified, ECDC is not in a position to handle your request.

However, in line with the Code of Good Administrative Behaviour, we would like to mention that ECDC publishes data on COVID-19 mortality, e.g. in the COVID-19 situation updates (<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/geographical-distribution-2019-ncov-cases>) and weekly COVID-19 country overviews (<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/covid-19/country-overviews>).

ECDC also posts online downloadable datasets with daily reported COVID-19 cases and deaths (<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/data-daily-new-cases-covid-19-eueea-country>).

Additionally, data on excess deaths related to seasonal influenza, pandemics and other public health threats are available from the project EuroMOMO (<https://www.euromomo.eu/>), supported by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO), and hosted by Statens Serum Institut, Denmark.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting ECDC's Director to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the following address:

ECDC
Legal Services
Gustav III:s Boulevard 40
16973 Solna
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or by email to: confirmatory.requests@ecdc.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,



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