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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/2939

Dear Ms Ambri,

We refer to your e-mail, dated 20 May 2022, in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 23 May 2022, under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to copies of correspondence between DG Home staff and authorities of 40 countries in which the European Return & Reintegration Network (ERRIN) contracted reintegration services providers, in as far as it relates to ERRIN's work in those countries.

The following documents fall within the scope of your application:

- Internal Minutes ERRIN Strategic Management Board of 25 November 2021, reference Ares(2022)5380070 – 26/07/2022 (hereafter 'document 1')
- Draft Minutes of the ERRIN Strategic Management Board Meeting of 25 November 2021, reference Ares(2022)5384572 – 19/07/2022 (hereafter 'document 2')
- Final Minutes of the ERRIN Strategic Management Board Meeting of 25 November 2021, reference Ares(2022)5406011 – 27/07/2002 (hereafter 'document 3')

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that they may be partially disclosed.

Documents 2 and 3 contain the names relating to identifiable natural persons. A complete disclosure of documents 2 and 3 is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation 1049/2001.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation¹ does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your application, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

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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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Secretariat-General
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Yours faithfully,

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC, OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39.