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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref EASE No 2023/0338

Dear Mr. Vranken,

We refer to your e-mail dated 17/01/2023 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 18/01/2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

During the application procedure in 2020, the competent Commission department carefully examined the DOIs submitted by the candidates to the EAGCP as per Article 11(2)of Commission Decision C(2016) 3301. However, it is not our practice to document such assessment unless we consider that the interests declared by an individual are likely to compromise or be reasonably perceived as compromising his or her capacity to act independently and in the public interest when providing advice to the Commission, which was not the case here.

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 the Commission, the Commission 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Secretary-General
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B-1049 Bruxelles or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

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