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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/0715

Dear Ms Cann,

We refer to your e-mail dated 11/02/2016 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 12/02/2016 under the above mentioned reference number.

We regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application. Only one meeting was identified as covered by the scope of your request: the meeting that took place on 16 December 2014 between Mr Hedberg, member of Cabinet, and the European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE). However, no meeting report, agendas, minutes nor preparatory documents were drawn up before or after the meeting. The meeting itself is mentioned at the following link of the Europa website containing the list of meetings of Cabinet members of Commissioner Elżbieta Bieńkowska with organisations and self-employed individuals:

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyinitiative/meetings/meeting.do?host=85ded49b-f5bb-486e-9404-b864a34d8340&d-6679426-p=30>

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, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

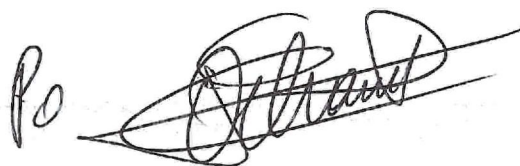
In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

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:

European Commission
Secretary-General
Transparency unit SG-B-4
BERL 5/282
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lowri Evans', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Lowri Evans