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***By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt***

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Dear Mr Harris

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/2569**

I refer to your request for access to documents dated 3 May 2016, registered on 10 May 2016 under the above mentioned reference number. I also refer to the holding reply dated 31 May 2016, regarding the extension of the time limit for handling your application.

Your application concerns the following documents and information:

- *"A breakdown of all the instances in the last five years where the European Commission has suspended or blocked transfers of funds to member states under any of the regional policy funds (ERDF, ESF, CF, EAFRD and EMFF)"; with*
- *"the date; the amount involved; the destination country and project that was being funded; the reason for the suspension and the final outcome (ie was the payment cancelled or rescheduled)"; and*
- *"full details of each project, including the location, amount committed and agreed timetable".*

Following extensive consideration of your request, we regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application. Indeed, the services of the Commission dealing with ESI Funds do not have such list.

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.

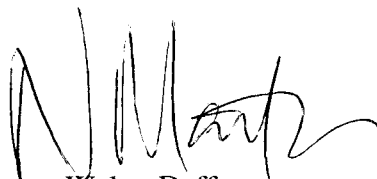
In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position. Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission  
Secretary-General  
Transparency unit SG-B-4  
BERL 5/282  
B-1049 Bruxelles  
or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the following public websites where general or fund specific information on programmes and projects can be found which might be useful for you:

- "EU budget for results" providing information on a collection of 860 projects funded by the EU Budget:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/budget/euprojects/search-projects\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/budget/euprojects/search-projects_en)
- Data on European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF):  
<https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/>
- Information on some projects and major projects receiving support from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and/or Cohesion Fund for previous programming periods provided by Member States .  
[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/en/projects/](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/projects/)
- The European Network for Rural Development (ENRD):  
<https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en>
- Public access to information on beneficiaries of the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) payments which are published on Member State websites via the link which provides access to the relevant the websites of the Member States:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/contracts\\_and\\_funding/the\\_european\\_transparency\\_initiative/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/contracts_and_funding/the_european_transparency_initiative/index_en.htm).

Yours faithfully



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Directorate General Employment, Social affairs and Inclusion: 0.1, G.1  
Directorate General Fisheries and Maritime Affairs: F.2  
Directorate General Agriculture and Rural Development: R.6