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By registered letter with
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Subject: *Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/1344*

Dear Ms Izuzquiza,

We refer to your application dated 07/03/2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request, for the period from 26 April 2018 to date:

- a list of all lobby meetings held by this DG with Facebook or its intermediaries, including date, individuals attending and organisational affiliation, and the issues discussed;
- all minutes and other reports of these meetings;
- all correspondence, including attachments (i.e. any emails, correspondence or telephone call notes) between this DG (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and Facebook or any intermediaries representing its interests;
- all documents prepared for the purpose of the meeting and/or exchanged during the course of the meeting.

We regret to inform you that DG BUDG does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application, as no meetings took place in the period you indicated.

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 DG BUDG, DG BUDG 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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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Yours faithfully,

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