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|  | Brussels, 5 April 2019 |
| Mr Felix Syrovatka  Email: ask+request-6626-69153dd2@asktheeu.org | |
| Ref. 19/0799-em/dm  Request made on: 15.03.2019 | |
| Dear Mr Syrovatka, | |

We have registered on 15 March 2019 your request for access to Council documents regarding the *reform of the Cohesion Policy and MFF 2014-2020*. Thank you for your interest.

Your request is being examined by the General Secretariat on the basis of the applicable rules of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (hereafter the "Regulation") and specific provisions of the Council's Rules of Procedure. [[1]](#footnote-1)

The General Secretariat makes every effort to process your request as quickly as possible. We wish, however, to draw your attention to Article 6(3) of the above Regulation, which provides that "*In the event of an application relating to a very long document or to a very large number of documents, the institution concerned may confer with the applicant informally, with a view to finding a fair solution*."

In view of the very large number of documents covered by your application, the General Secretariat is unable to process your request within the time-limit laid down in Article 7(1) of the Regulation. Under these circumstances, we hope that you will be able to accept that your request will be processed as quickly as possible.

The General Secretariat will endeavour to send you partial replies whenever a sufficient number of documents has been assessed.

At the current stage, the following documents have been identified:

- concerning in general all documents related to the ***reform of the cohesion policy and the MFF*** 2014-2020 (the last part of your request): all documents related to this file are public and can be downloaded from the public register of Council documents by following this [link](https://www.consilium.europa.eu/register/en/content/out?typ=SET&i=ADV&RESULTSET=1&DOC_TITLE=&CONTENTS=&DOC_ID=&DOS_INTERINST=2011%2F0273%28COD%29&DOC_SUBJECT=&DOC_SUBTYPE=&DOC_DATE=&document_date_from_date=&document_date_from_date_submit=&document_date_to_date=&document_date_to_date_submit=&MEET_DATE=&meeting_date_from_date=&meeting_date_from_date_submit=&meeting_date_to_date=&meeting_date_to_date_submit=&DOC_LANCD=EN&ROWSPP=25&NRROWS=500&ORDERBY=DOC_DATE+DESC);

- concerning "***all protocols of the European Council summits*** *of October 10-11th, November 22-23th 2012 and February 8th 2013 related to the Reform of the Cohesion policy and the MFF 2014-2020*": please note that in October 2012, the European Council (EUCO) meeting took place on 18-19 October. The identified documents are grouped by meeting:

EUCO meeting of 18-19 October 2012:

ST 156/12 (conclusions)

ST 157/12 (minutes)

EUCO meeting of 22-23 November 2012:

ST 15602/12 (conclusions)

ST 203/12 (minutes)

EUCO meeting of 7-8 February 2013:

ST 3/13 (conclusions)

ST 37/13 (conclusions MFF)

ST 4/13 (minutes);

- concerning "***all protocols of GAC-Sessions in preparation for the EUCO summits*** *of October 10-11th, November 22-23th 2012 and February 8th 2013 related to the Reform of the Cohesion policy and the MFF 2014-2020*": we identified the following GAC sessions during the indicated period and the corresponding documents:

GAC meeting of 24 September 2012 (3187):

ST 12076/12 (MFF)

ST 13620/12 (MFF)

ST 14070/12 (Press release)

ST14122/12 + ADD1 + REV1+ADD1REV1 (Minutes)

GAC meeting of 16 October 2012 (3192):

ST 14287/12 REV2 (Cohesion Policy Legislative Package)

ST 14933/12 (Press release)

ST 15017/12 + ADD1 + ADD1REV1 (minutes)

GAC meeting of 20 November 2012 (3200):

ST 15880/12 + REV1 + ADD1REV1 + ADD2REV1 + ADD3REV3 (Cohesion Policy Legislative Package)

ST 16397/12 (Press release)

ST 16534/12 + ADD1 + COR1 + ADD1COR1 (minutes)

GAC meeting of 4 February 2013 (3219):

ST 5877/13 (Press release)

ST 6046/13+ ADD1 (minutes)

You will find them enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

Paulo VIDAL

(32 Enclosures)

1. Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)