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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/5691

Dear Ms Tombini,

I refer to your e-mail dated 8 October 2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 8 October 2019 under the above-mentioned reference number.

By your request, you wish to receive access to documents containing information on

- The final beneficiaries of the EU Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) for the period 2014- 2018.

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

The Fund for European Aid to the most Deprived (FEAD) is governed by Regulation (EU) No 223/2014¹ (FEAD). The FEAD is implemented in shared management mode between the Member States and the Commission (Article 5(1) FEAD). According to Article 5(4) FEAD, Member States and the bodies designated by them for that purpose, shall be responsible for implementing the operational programmes.

The management authorities designated by the Member States to implement the Fund have the obligation to maintain a list of operations supported, including name and address of the beneficiary, and publish them on the Internet.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2014:072:0001:0041:EN:PDF>

While the Commission does not receive nor maintain the beneficiaries' information, it provides a link to the information made available by the national authorities through the website below under the section "FEAD in your country":

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1239&langId=en>

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

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 5/288
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,



Joost KORTE