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Subject: Your confirmatory applications for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2022/1028 and 2022/1050

Dear Ms O'Brian,

I refer to your e-mails of 6 April 2022, registered on 7 April 2022, by which you submitted confirmatory applications in accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereafter 'Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001').

On 17 February 2022 you submitted two initial requests. On 18 February 2022, the Commission asked you to provide your postal address and explained that the request cannot be registered before it is provided. On 23 February 2022 the Commission sent a reminder and on 1 March 2022 it explained in greater detail why the postal address is needed from the procedural point of view.

Please note that the Commission did not formally register your two initial requests and did not send the acknowledgment of receipt given that you did not provide your postal address. It is not possible to submit a confirmatory request without first having submitted the initial request and received the acknowledgment of receipt. This would result in the circumvention of the two-step administrative procedure established by the Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, by which a confirmatory request is a review of the reply provided at the initial stage.

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your two confirmatory applications. You may submit a new initial request² and provide your postal address.

¹ OJ L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

² Electronic form available here [European Commission - Register of Commission documents \(europa.eu\)](https://europea.europa.eu/asktheeu)

We would also like to inform you that the Commission is currently in the last phases of developing a new online portal which will allow applicants to submit requests for access to documents without providing their postal address, given that the new portal will allow electronic transmission and notification of Commission replies. The new portal is expected to go live by mid 2022.³

Yours sincerely,

Mariusz Daca
Deputy Head of Unit

³ Once it goes live, the new portal will be available on the following link <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request> . It will replace the above-mentioned electronic form.