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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/4072

Dear Mr Glioti,

We refer to your e-mail of 14 July 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 15 July 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to documents held by the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME) that would contain the following information:

- Any final (end of project) report and external evaluation report relating to the EU-funded "Enhanced Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (IBM Lebanon Phase 2)" Project (ended in December 2018).
- Any policy briefs, monitoring reports, operational documents, evaluation reports and meeting minutes relating to the EU-funded "Strengthening Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (EU IBM Lebanon Phase 3)" project (ongoing).
- Any trainings material for the Lebanese Armed Forces used during the "Strengthening Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (EU IBM Lebanon Phase 3)" project.
- The list of tender calls for service and supplier contractors relating to the "Strengthening Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (EU IBM Lebanon Phase 3)" project.
- Any signed contracts with the Franco-Lebanese company "Intertech Group SAL" as part of the "Strengthening Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (EU IBM Lebanon Phase 3)" project.
- Any communication between EU DG Home and the international organisation named "International Centre for Migration Policy Development" (ICMPD) relating to the "Strengthening Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (EU IBM Lebanon Phase 3)" project.

- Any document describing ICMPD's budget for the "Strengthening Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (EU IBM Lebanon Phase 3)" project and how these funds have been allocated for different project components.
- The list of current ICMPD advisors for the "Strengthening Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (EU IBM Lebanon Phase 3)" project.

We regret to inform you that DG HOME does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application as the cited project does not fall with the remit of DG HOME.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 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 HOME, DG HOME is not in a position to fulfil your request. This is without prejudice to the assessment of other Commission's services you may have contacted, including DG NEAR in case registered under the reference number 2022/4100.

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) BERL 7/076 B-1049 Brussels

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Yours faithfully,

Monique Pariat Director-General