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## By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

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**Subject:** Your application for access to documents

Ref GestDem No 2018/3650 - Ares(2018)3629208

Dear Sir.

We refer to your e-mail dated 6 July 2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 9 July 2018 under the above-mentioned reference number.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the 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.

In context of your request we would like to inform you that the selection, management and monitoring of projects under the programmes co-financed by the structural funds is the responsibility of the managing authority appointed by the Member State. You can obtain more information on the programme 'Kansen voor West' (Opportunities for West) and its projects from the managing authority and from its contact points ('steunpunten') in the provinces covered by the programme: https://www.kansenvoorwest2.nl/nl/.

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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Secretary-General
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B-1049 Bruxelles or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

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