

## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY, ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

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Subject: Your request for access to documents – Ref. GestDem 2019/7365

Dear Mr. Schindler.

I refer to your request of 20 December 2019, registered on the same day under the above mentioned GestDem reference number.

Your request concerns all information related to the Commission internal process (registered under grow.b.2(2015)4899298) on the note by DG GROW prepared for the attention of L. Romero Requena that was disclosed to you in 2017 (GestDem 2017/859) and in 2019 (GestDem 2019/5565) and which, as explained in the Commission's response to you on 20 December 2019 (GestDem 2019/7175), was not sent to the Commission's Legal Service as the internal process was put on hold and never completed. Your request concerns "any information held by any part of the European Commission and its officers concerning this process and the decision to put it on hold. Among other things, I am very interested to learn when, by whom and how the decision was made to put it on hold and how this decision making process happened. I want all information to be included, including those information that was not deemed important, not registered under eDomec rules etc., for example emails, notes, drafts, comments etc."

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 (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 the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 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)
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Yours faithfully,

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