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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/1865

We refer to your e-mail of 25 March 2021, registered the same day under the above-mentioned reference number in which you make a request for access to:

- Evidence of any work or services, of any kind, provided by third-parties (e.g. consultancy firms) to the Secretariat-General of the European Commission, the in relation to a) Recovery and Resilience Facility and b) ReactEU.
- Names of the identified third-parties, description of the work or services provided.
- All correspondence between the Secretariat-General of the European Commission and the following parties, concerning a) NextGenerationEU, b) Recovery and Resilience Facility, and c) ReactEU: McKinsey & Company; Boston Consulting Group; PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC); Ernst & Young Global Limited (EY); Deloitte; Accenture plc.

As your request relates to the work of several services of the Commission, it was split in three parts:

- Gestdem 2021/1865: for all correspondence concerning NextGenerationEU between the Secretariat-General of the European Commission and the following parties: McKinsey & Company; Boston Consulting Group; PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC); Ernst & Young Global Limited (EY); Deloitte; Accenture plc.
- Gestdem 2021/1866: for all elements related to ReactEU.
- Gestdem 2021/1680: for all elements related to the Recovery and Resilience Facility

The current letter replies to Gestem 2021/1865.

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

Yours faithfully,

Michael WIMMER Director