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Dear Sir,

We are writing concerning your request for access to Commission documents registered on 05/01/2026 under case number EASE 2026/0030.

Your application concerns a very large number of documents, which need to be assessed individually. Such a detailed analysis cannot be carried out within the normal time limits set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

However, Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 also provides for a possibility to confer with an applicant informally with a view to finding a fair solution when an application relates to a very long document or concerns a very large number of documents.

In accordance with the case law of the EU Courts, such a solution can only concern the content or the number of documents requested, not the deadline for replying [1].

Based on the above-mentioned provision, we would kindly ask you to specify the objective of your application and your specific interest in the documents requested [2], and whether you could narrow down the scope of your application (i.e. the subject matter(s) and/or timeframe covered), so as to reduce it to a more manageable amount of documents.

In order to help you to narrow down your application, please note that many of the documents falling within the scope of your request are included in the following Commission's databases:

- CORDIS | European Commission **results platform** provides information about EU-funded projects and public results, thematic projects portfolios and

[1] Judgment of the Court of Justice of 2 October 2014, *Strack* v *European Commission*, C-127/13,(hereinafter referred to as the '*Strack* v *Commission* judgment'), EU:C:2014:2250, paragraphs 26-28.

[2] *Strack* v *Commission* judgment , paragraph 28; Judgment of the General Court (then 'Court of First Instance') of 22 May 2012, *EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg* v *European Commission*, T-344/08, EU:T:2012:242, paragraph 105.

publications featuring good project practice among research projects. The Datalab | CORDIS | European Commission page specifically allows you to search the Cordis database and download data in different formats.

- Horizon dashboard provides data on EU R&I Framework Programme-funded projects, participants, budget and geographic distribution by framework programmes, calls, years and sectors. This includes MSCA projects funded under different Framework Programmes.

- A body of knowledge on MSCA is available through various reports and studies, such as

  - Study on **mobility flows** of researchers in the context of the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions - Publications Office of the EU.

  - Evaluation study on **excellent science** in the European framework programmes for research and innovation - Publications Office of the EU.

  - MSCA actions-focused studies such as: MSCA RISE impact study, Innovative dimension of MSCA ITN or reports from cluster events on MSCA Joint Doctorates and Industrial Doctorates.

- MSCA National Contact Point (**NCP**) for Germany Homepage - BMFTR NKS MSC are also available to provide data upon request at national level.

According to our first estimates, the handling of your request would take forty-two (42) working days[3], broken down as follows:

– identification of the documents falling under your request: ten (10) working days;

– retrieval and establishment of a complete list of the documents identified: five (5) working days;

– assessment of the content of the documents in light of the exceptions of Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001: fifteen (15) working days:

– drafting of the reply: two (2) working days;

– redaction of those parts of the documents to which one or several exceptions apply: four (4) working days;

– internal review and approval of the draft decision: four (4) working days; and

– preparation of the reply and the documents for dispatch (scanning of the redacted versions, administrative processing etc.): two (2) working days.

Having regard to the fact that databases do not have a standard structure as other documents, it follows that, according to our first estimates, a maximum of

[3] Taking into account other applications for access to documents and other tasks that the staff concerned are likely to have to deal with during the same period.

ten (10) documents could possibly be dealt with within the extended deadline of 30 working days counting from the date of registration of your request.

In order to enable us to respect the time-limits of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, please reply to this proposal for a fair solution **within five working days at the latest.**

In the absence of a reply within five working days, we will restrict the scope of your application to those parts that can be dealt with within the extended deadline of 30 working days.

Kind regards,

DG EAC Access to documents team