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By email to: [REDACTED]

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Dear Ms Izuzquiza,

Your application for access to documents – Ref Ares(2019) 3182357

We refer to your email dated 3 May 2019 in which you make a request for access to documents in pursuance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001¹:

(1) For the years 2017, 2018 and 2019:

- any and all documents that contain the number of staff in your Transparency Unit (or the department dealing with access to EU documents requests) - this could be, for instance, organigrams or staffing plans that are specific to that unit;
- any and all documents containing the budget for your Transparency Unit (or the department dealing with access to EU documents requests); I would appreciate the most detailed version of this budget possible.

(2) And for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018:

- any and all documents containing data on the handling of access to EU documents requests by this institution; I am looking specifically for broken down data, per year, on the number of initial access to documents applications received, and the number of confirmatory applications received.

After examination of your requests, in relation to question (1), we would like to inform you that there is no Transparency Unit as such in the European Environment Agency ('the EEA'). The operational department responsible for the topic addressed in the request and the legal department in the administrative services handle requests for access to documents received on the dedicated functional mailbox jointly. Depending of the complexity of the requests, this may require the involvement of various experts across the Agency, and we are therefore not in a position to provide exact figures in relation to the number of staff.

In relation to question (2), while the EEA does not hold any specific document(s) that would correspond to the description given in your application², we would like to inform you that for the years 2016, 2018 and 2018, the EEA received 3, 4 and 4 initial access to documents

¹ Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145/43 of 31.5.2001).

² 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.



applications respectively. With regard to confirmatory applications, the EEA received 2 in 2017, and none in 2016 and 2018.

Please be informed that in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application asking the EEA to reconsider its position with regard to your application. Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the EEA at the following address:

European Environment Agency

Kongens Nytorv 6

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or by email to: access.to.documents@eea.europa.eu.

I hope you may find this information helpful and take the opportunity to thank you for your interest in the work of the EEA.

Yours sincerely



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