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Ms Waringo
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Subject: Your application for access to documents 2023-6312

Dear Ms Waringo,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 25 October 2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to the documents that might have been submitted by the Luxembourgish authorities following the invitation of the Commission to submit up-to-date data on wolf population and their impacts (https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_4330).

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

The Commission is currently conducting an in-depth study on the situation of the wolf in the EU to be finalised by the end of 2023. In this context, on 4 September 2023, the Commission launched a new phase of the data collection, inviting interested parties such as local communities, regional authorities and scientists to submit up-to-date verified scientific data on wolf populations, such as number of individuals and/or packs in a specified territory, and/or verified data on damage on livestock and on cases of bold wolves. These data must be based on agreed national monitoring methodologies or other official procedures/methodologies.

The data collection was open until 22 September 2023. The Commission is currently considering the over 18.000 emails and the inputs received with a view to finalise its analysis on the issue of wolves in the EU by the end of this year.

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 to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it via your EASE portal account ¹ or for initial requests not submitted via EASE portal² by mail to:

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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,

Electronically signed

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¹ <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>

² <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>