



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Resources  
The Director

Brussels,  
DEVCO.R/LB

**Subject: Your application for access to information dated 03/05/2019**

Dear Ms Izuzquiza,

I refer to your e-mail dated 03/05/2019, in which you request:

*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.

*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.

Concerning the first two parts of your request, since you are interested in the "number of staff [...] dealing with access to EU documents requests" and the budget "for [the] Transparency Unit (or the department dealing with access to EU documents requests [...])", they will be handled under the Code of Good Administrative Behaviour as a request for access to information.

This solution follows the proposal made by the Secretariat-General (SG) of the Commission in its messages to you of 24 May and 3 June 2019 (Ares(2019)3418533 and Ares(2019)3576794 registration numbers, respectively), it avoids excessive administrative burden while allowing you to receive the information you are interested in.

Please note this reply relates only to the information concerning Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO). You received (or will receive) the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

To this end, please find below the requested information. Please note that the third part of your request, as indicated in the above-mentioned messages from the SG, will be handled as a request for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

- *Number of staff in [...] Transparency Unit, years 2017, 2018 and 2019:*

One full-time job (two staff dedicating, each of them, 50% of their time to the handling of requests for access to documents).

- *Budget for the Transparency Unit:*

Apart from the above-mentioned human resources, no specific budget is allocated to Transparency (handling of access to documents requests).

Yours sincerely,

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