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LEGAL SERVICE  
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**By Email**

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**Subject: Request for access to documents**

Ref.: Your request of 3 December 2021, registered on 6 December, under reference GestDem2021/7767

Dear Ms Izuzquiza,  
Dear Mr Semsrott,

I refer to your request for access to documents, under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup>, concerning:

*“ – Any and all guidelines, policies, instructions, rules, recommendations or regulations of any kind held by the Legal Service with regards to costs relating to litigation before the General Court of the EU and the European Court of Justice.*

*In particular - although not exclusively - we are interested in any and all documents related to or regarding:*

- How and when the Legal Service decides whether it relies on external services, may it be external lawyers or other experts, and any considerations and criteria taken into account throughout this decision-making process;*
- How the Legal Service calculates legal costs to be claimed when it wins a legal challenge before the EU court, and any considerations and criteria taken into account throughout this decision-making process;*

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 145, 31.05.2001, page 43.

- *How and when the Legal Service decides to claim these costs, and any considerations and criteria taken into account throughout this decision-making process; or*
- *Whether the Legal Service contemplates or establishes limits, reductions or waivers to legal costs, and any considerations and criteria taken into account throughout this decision-making process.”*

The Legal Service has identified the following document as matching the terms your request:  
“*Guide to the litigation work of the Legal Service*” (reference Ares(2019)3321734).

The information you seek to access is contained in:

- Point I.B.3): appointment of external lawyer;
- Point III.2): recovery of legal costs;
- Point III.3): waiver of debt.

Please be informed that, following a previous request for access, this document has been made public under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, a copy of which you will find attached.

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Yours sincerely,

[*signed electronically*]  
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