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Subject: Your application for access to documents - Ref GestDem No 2014/416

Dear Mr Dohle,

I refer to your e-mail dated 23 January 2014 in which you make a request for access to documents.

I also refer to the holding reply of 13 February 2014 extending the time-limit to 10 March 2014, and to the response from Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (Ref. Ares(2014)591527 – 05/03/2014)

You wish to receive "all correspondence, notes (including emails/phone logs) related to contact between Lumos and EC officials related to the below issues:

- cooperation with Lumos to ensure sufficient funding in Bulgaria to implement the NAP.
- contacts with Lumos about the increase of EC funding allocated to deinstitutionalisation in Bulgaria, from 20 million to 40 million Euro.
- request of the European Commission to Lumos providing training to 50 desk officers from the European Commission in Brussels, who are responsible for billions of Euro of EC funds that can be used to reform health, education, and social services across EU member-States. Also, all documents related to training material, evaluation and follow-up.
- request of desk officers of the European Commission to Lumos to provide access to the Hungarian government on their planning for disability services.

Further to extensive research in Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy of these documents until the date of your request, I regret to inform you that — similarly as it has been found in DG EMPL - no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application. In that respect, I would like to stress that Lumos, for many years, has undertaken its activities in Bulgaria with its own funds and has never applied or has been funded by the ERDF for activities in Bulgaria.

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Moreover, there have never been contacts with Lumos, as a legal entity, regarding training of Commission officials. Last, we have no document about the request to Lumos, as a legal entity to provide advice to the Hungarian government. We are therefore unable to handle these first four applications.

- deinstitutionalisation in order to assist them in making decisions about funding reform programmes.

I am pleased to provide you with the letter of 20 February 2012 to the EEG (addressed to the C/O Lumos in there capacity of secretariat of the EEG), signed by Heads of Cabinet of Commissioner Hahn and Andor (names and other personal data have been deleted to respect the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data, in accordance with Regulation No 45/2001).

- all invitations to meetings/conferences sent by Lumos to the European Commission.

I am pleased to provide you with the invitation sent by Lumos regarding the organisation of a conference of 6 November 2013.

Again, names have been deleted to respect the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data, in accordance with Regulation No 45/2001.

Kind regards

Wladyslaw Piskorz

## **Enclosures:**

- 1. Invitation to Lumos and MEP Adam Kosa's Joint Conference on Deinstitutionalisation (6 November 2013)
- 2. Joint letter on the new structural funds 2014-2020 to promote the transition from institutional to community-based care: cooperation with the European Expert Group