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**Subject: Your applications for access to information**

Ref.: My letter Ares(2017)3137699 dated 22 June 2017

Dear Madam,

I refer to Section 1 of my above-mentioned letter, in which I informed you that 62 of the 63 requests for access to documents which you had submitted on 31 May 2017 were, in reality, requests for access to information and therefore would be handled under the *Code of Good Administrative Behaviour*, as annexed to the Commission's Rules of Procedure<sup>1</sup>.

In the meantime, we have consulted other units and departments, and we have been able to compile the information provided below.

**1. SOFTWARE PROCURED OR PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION THROUGH GOOGLE PLAY, APPLE iTUNES STORE OR ALTERNATIVE PLATFORMS**

You had requested the following information: *"Please list all the software this DG procured or provided (including contractors) and distributed on Google Play or the Apple iTunes store. Please include a list of all relevant Apple iTunes and Google Play links. Please list also for each software project - if available - alternative download sources for people who chose not to use iTunes or Google Play"*.

A list of the main software ("application" or "app") distributed on Apple iTunes (Annex 1) and Google Play (Annex 2) has been compiled. For security related

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<sup>1</sup> Annex to the Commission Decision of 17 October 2000 amending its Rules of Procedure ("*Code of Good Administrative Behaviour for staff of the European Commission in their relations with the public*"), OJ L 267 of 20.10.2000, p. 63.

reasons, certain applications regarding productivity and security have been removed from this list.

Please note that the Commission only provides apps in the context of its “Mobile Device Management” (MDM) platform. These apps have to be compatible with the MDM and with the overall security context. Therefore, no alternative downloads to iTunes or Google Play are provided.

## **2. RELEASE OF SOFTWARE CODE DEVELOPED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER FREE SOFTWARE LICENCES**

You had requested the following information: *“How many of the software in-house-developments of this DG or external service providers on behalf of this DG were published fully or in part under a Free Software licence? Please list the relevant software project names, the budgets of the relevant software projects, if available a link to the code and the project's current status. If a systematical evaluation of all or some projects regarding the chances and benefits of Free Software licences was made, please attach the regarding documents”.*

The Commission also has an active open source development and distribution policy.

Precisely in order to facilitate the sharing and reuse of (free / open-source) software developed by public administrations, the European Commission created the European Union Public Licence (EURL) in 2007.

After 10 years of usage, an updated version of the EURL — version 1.2 — was adopted on 18 May 2017 by Decision C(2017)863, and published in the *Official Journal* of 19 May 2017. It is therefore available in the 23 official languages of the European Union. The English version of this Decision is available under the following link:

[https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/eurl\\_v1.2\\_en.pdf](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/eurl_v1.2_en.pdf)

The Commission usually releases the code of the software it develops under a free software license through the JoinUp platform<sup>2</sup>. Please find enclosed in Annex 3 to this letter, a list of the software released under the EURL or any other open source licence and available on JoinUp last year.

Should you need further information regarding the EURL, we suggest that you consult the following page:

[https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/eurl/og\\_page/how-use-eurl#section-0](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/eurl/og_page/how-use-eurl#section-0)

Please note, however, that some developments are made available through different channels, such as for example:

- European Forestry Dynamics Model (EFDM) – a set of software tools developed by the Joint Research Centre, and distributed as Open Source Software under the European Union Public Licence (EURL) – Commission Decision C(2016)7256

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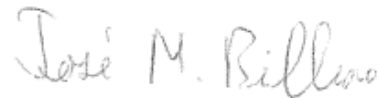
<sup>2</sup> <https://joinup.ec.europa.eu>

- Multiplatform software application named Happy Onlife, aimed at raising awareness of the risks and opportunities of Internet and at promoting the best online practices – Commission Decision C(2016)6982.

Please note that, while we have made our best effort, we cannot guarantee that the lists included in the annexes are exhaustive. They are also subject to frequent changes.

I apologise for the delay which has occurred in handling your request. I trust that the information provided will be useful to you, and I hope to have assisted you in an efficient manner.

Yours faithfully,



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Head of Unit

Annexes:

1. List of apps distributed on Apple iTunes
2. List of apps distributed on Google Play
3. List of software (EUPL or other F / OSS licence) available on JoinUp in 2016