

Subject: RE: Official Regest for Records - Digital Defender Partnership
From: Karmen Laus <karmen.laus@mfa.ee>
Date: 02/09/2015 04:28 AM
To: Polity News <politynews@gmx.com>

Dear Ms Tackett

In return to your additional question I can confirm you that I have forwarded you all public records from the official registry at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia. There are no other public records held by the Estonian government about the Digital Defenders Partnership. I advise you to contact Hivos to obtain the additional records of Digital Defenders Partnership Programme because they are responsible body.

If you find the reply inadequate then you can always turn to the Estonian Data Protection Inspectorate (EDPI) what is a supervisory authority in Estonia to appeal. Please find hereby the link to webpage <http://www.aki.ee/en/inspectorate> and e-mail address is info@aki.ee.

Sincerely
Karmen Laus

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-----Original Message-----

From: Polity News [<mailto:politynews@gmx.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 6:55 PM
To: Karmen Laus
Subject: Re: Official Regest for Records - Digital Defender Partnership

Dear Karmen Laus,

Thank you for your time and assistance in obtaining and sending me records responsive to my official request for records, but there seems to be many documents missing.

It appears that you have not sent me the grant file for the Digital Defenders Partnership. Typical things in a grant file usually include contracts for a specific program, updates on the program's progress, quarterly reports, final program reports, audits of the program, end-of-term evaluations, emails between the Estonian government and Hivos, etc. I request the full grant files held by the Estonian government for Hivos' Digital Defenders Partnership grants.

In addition, you have not sent me the agendas, minutes, addendum, and related records for Hivos' Donor Committee for the Digital Defenders Partnership Program. I request any and

all records held by the Estonian government about the Digital Defenders Partnership's Donor Committee.

Please search for the records I have described and any additional records related to the Digital Defenders Partnership.

Are there any records responsive to my request that are being withheld?
If so, please describe them and the number of pages for each record.

If I find your response to my public records request inadequate, what are the procedures to appeal your decision and what email address should I send the appeal to?

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Rachael Tackett

On 01/16/2015 08:48 AM, Karmen Laus wrote:

Dear Ms Tackett,

In response to your additional request from December 24, 2014, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that all Estonia's contributions to Digital Defenders Partnership have been made public through the MFA's press releases. We would to remind that for Estonia the freedom of expression online/offline is an inseparable part of human rights. In our opinion the availability of the internet has increased access of information and civil society participation in the decision-making process and created possibilities for offering better public services. Estonia believes that supporting freedom of expression on the internet is as important as all other activities related to the protection and promotion of human rights.

There are following documents in the official registry of the Foreign Ministry of Estonia:

1. The letter of Undersecretary of Foreign Ministry informing Hivos of Estonia's contribution to the Digital Defenders Partnership for 2013, December 2012
2. The letter of Hivos to the Foreign Ministry thanking Estonia for our contribution, January 2013.
3. The letter of Hivos to Lithuanian Minister of Foreign Affairs on the DCI to Improve Position of Small Farmers by Decentralised Renewable Energy/cc to the MFA of Estonia, August 2013
4. The letter of Undersecretary of Foreign Ministry informing Hivos of Estonia's contribution to the Digital Defenders Partnership for 2015, January 2015

In addition to abovementioned documents there are minister's orders to authorize the contributions. Please note that the documents are in the Estonian language:

1. The Order of Minister of Foreign Affairs Contributions made for promoting democracy in international development organizations and international cooperation,

December 2012

http://dok-register.vm.ee/?page=pub_view_dynobj&pid=1118655&tid=48426&u=20150115171013&desktop=48296&r_url=%2F%3Fpage%3Dpub_list_dynobj%26pid%3D%26tid%3D48426%26u%3D20150115171013

2. The Order of Minister of Foreign Affairs Contribution made for promoting international cooperation, October 2013

http://dok-register.vm.ee/?page=pub_view_dynobj&pid=2441862&tid=48426&u=20150115170650&desktop=48296&r_url=%2F%3Fpage%3Dpub_list_dynobj%26pid%3D%26tid%3D48426%26u%3D20150115170650

3. The Order of Minister of Foreign Affairs Contribution made for promoting international cooperation, November 2014

http://dok-register.vm.ee/?page=pub_view_dynobj&pid=4569216&tid=48426&u=20150115171111&desktop=48296&r_url=%2F%3Fpage%3Dpub_list_dynobj%26pid%3D%26tid%3D48426%26u%3D20150115171111

The conditions and procedure for the provision of development assistance and humanitarian aid approved by Government decree from January 2010.

<http://vm.ee/sites/default/files/content-editors/Conditions%20and%20procedure%20for%20the%20provision%20of%20development%20assistance%20and%20humanitarian%20aid%20.pdf>

Sincerely yours,

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