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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Public access to documents - Confirmatory application No 13/c/01/25

Delegations will find attached:

- the request for access to documents sent to the General Secretariat of the Council on Wednesday 14 May 2025 and registered on the same day (Annex 1);
- the reply from the General Secretariat of the Council dated 28 May 2025 (Annex 2);
- the confirmatory application dated 28 May 2025 and registered on the same day (Annex 3).

[E-mail message sent to access@consilium.europa.eu on Wednesday 14 May, 06:57 using the electronic form available in the Register application.]

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Requested document(s)

The Council has requested from the European Commission a series of reports on the legal and economic consequences of the Spanish Government's request to add Basque, Catalan and Galician to Regulation No 1/1958 on the EU's language regime.

Initially, the Commission sent the Council some preliminary thoughts on the economic cost of doing so.

We hereby REQUEST access to all reports received by the Council from the Commission and other bodies (including internal bodies) on the consequences of any kind of reform of Regulation No 1/1958, in particular the legal consequences or implications of such reform.

Please take note of the following, which appeared in Spanish on 14 May 2025: ‘Ten Member States and the EU’s legal services block Sánchez’s latest attempt to make Catalan an official language.

Only Belgium and Portugal supported Spain’s initiative in the preparatory technical committee of the General Affairs Council on 27 May.’

https://www.lespanol.com/espana/politica/20250514/servicios-juridicos-ue-bloquean-nuevo-intento-sanchez-hacer-oficial-catalan/1003743755477_0.html



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Brussels, 28 May 2025

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Email: **DELETED**

Ref. Ref. 25/1418

Request made on: 14.05.2025

Dear **DELETED**,

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union¹.

We have identified the following document within the field of your request: **WK 16458 2023**. This document was sent to you in response to your previous applications nos 23/3660, 24/3011 and 25/0306.

We regret to inform you that the General Secretariat of the Council is not in possession of any other document related to your field of inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

¹ The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).

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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

General Secretariat

Information Services Unit/Transparency

CONFIRMATORY APPLICATION NO 25/1418

Dear Sirs,

I.- Today we received a response to the abovementioned request for access. No documents were attached.

II.- The request for access was worded as follows:

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It can be inferred from the request that the legal services have issued an opinion on the matter, hence a report must exist which falls within the scope of the request.

The existence of legal reports is also apparent from subsequent press reports. By way of example:

El Mundo (28 May 2025): 'Italy and Germany lead the refusal to vote on the use of Catalan in the EU **after the legal services warned that** "the Treaties would have to be revised".

Seven countries were openly against deciding on the issue and at least three others requested "more information".'

<https://www.elmundo.es/espana/2025/05/27/6835ee35e9cf4a87058b45b2.html>

III.- As we do not agree with the initial refusal, we hereby submit this **CONFIRMATORY APPLICATION** requesting access to ALL reports received by the Council from the Commission and other bodies (**including internal bodies**) on the consequences of any kind of the aforementioned reform of Regulation No 1/1958, in particular the legal consequences or implications thereof.

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