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Subject: Your applications for access to documents

Ref.: GestDem No 2022/4149

Dear Ms Cann,

We refer to your e-mail of 19 July 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 19 July 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to all contacts (emails, letters, meeting agendas & minutes) between BusinessEurope and DG Employment regarding the rights of platform workers since 1 December 2019.

It was concluded that the following documents fall within the scope of your application:

16/03/2020 - Director-General Joost Korte meeting Markus Beyrer, Director-General of BusinessEurope – briefing

17/11/2020 - Director-General Joost Korte – Exchange with Social Partners on platform work – list of participants

17/11/2020 - Director-General Joost Korte – Exchange with Social Partners on platform work - briefing

28/09/2021 - Director-General Joost Korte meeting Social Dialogue Committee – briefing

28/09/2021 - Director-General Joost Korte meeting Social Dialogue Committee – draft minutes

08/02/2022 - Director-General Joost Korte meeting Social Dialogue Committee – briefing

08/02/2022 - Director-General Joost Korte meeting Social Dialogue Committee – draft Agenda

08/02/2022 - Director-General Joost Korte meeting Social Dialogue Committee – list of participants

23/02/2022 - BusinessEurope position paper on platform work - document

01/03/2022 - BusinessEurope position paper on platform work - email to Director-General Joost Korte

20/06/2022 - BusinessEurope position paper on platform work - document

21/06/2022 – BusinessEurope position paper on platform work – email to Director-General Joost Korte

With regard to the documents listed above, a complete disclosure of the identified documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;
- other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

Please note that the documents listed were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant services of the Commission. They solely reflect the services interpretation of the interventions made and do not set out any official position of the third parties to which the documents refer, which were not consulted on its content. They do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels
or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

Max UEBE Head of Unit

Enclosure: 12 documents