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Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2023/0441

Dear Ms Daneshmand,

We refer to your e-mail of 24 January 2023 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 24 January 2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to *documents which contain minutes from the following meetings:*

1. *Helena Hinto, Laure Chapuis-Kombos, Energiföretagen / Swedenergy, Finnish Energy - Energiategallisuus ry, 24/04/2020, videoconference (joint meeting with representative from Cabinet Timmermans), climate ambition, sustainable financing.*
2. *Laure Chapuis-Kombos, Fern, 26/05/2021, Video Conferencing, Biomass external costs / revision Energy Taxation Directive.*
3. *Laure Chapuis-Kombos, BUSINESSEUROPE, 12/05/2021, Video Conferencing, Progress of the overall preparations for the Fit-for-55 package; Renewable Energy Directive; The reform of the ETS.*
4. *Laure Chapuis-Kombos, Fern, 01/02/2021, Video Conferencing, Revision RED 2, biodiversity, bioenergie.*
5. *Laure Chapuis-Kombos, Stefano Grassi, CONSEIL DE COOPERATION ECONOMIQUE, RTE Réseau de transport d'électricité, NATIXIS, E.ON SE, ELECTRICITE DE FRANCE, ENGIE, Association des Constructeurs Européens d'Automobiles, NATURGY ENERGY GROUP, IBERDROLA, ENEL SpA, EDP - Energias de Portugal, SA, GRTgaz, ENÉRGYA VM GESTIÓN DE ENERGÍA S.L.U., Schneider Electric, Capgemini Invent - the Netherlands, 10/07/2020,*

Video-conferencing, Exchange of views on energy system integration and hydrogen strategies.

6. *Laure Chapuis-Kombos, Thor-Sten Vertmann, Stefano Grassi, The Coalition for Energy Savings, 01/03/2021, Online, Energy aspects of Fit for 55, renewables and energy efficiency, with special focus on biomass.*

Your application concerns the following documents:

Nr	Stakeholder	Ares	Date	Title
1	Conseil de Coopération Economique	Ares(2020)3262941	26/06/2020	Meeting Request 10 July 2020 - CCE DEMANDE DE CONFIRMATION REUNION COMMISSAIRE KADRI SIMSON le 10.07.20
2	Conseil de Coopération Economique	Ares(2020)7314009	10/07/2020	CCE Discussion Paper - Energy System Integration - FINAL DRAFT - May 2020
3	Conseil de Coopération Economique	Ares(2020)7314009	10/07/2020	CCE Presentation
4	Conseil de Coopération Economique	Ares(2020)7320138	10/07/2020	Minutes of the VideoConference between Conseil de Cooperation économique (CCE) and Commissioner Kadri Simson - 10 July 2020
5	Coalition for Energy Savings	Ares(2023)3423019	01/03/2021	20210301_ Coalition for Energy Savings _Agenda for roundtable and list of participants_TV
6	Coalition for Energy Savings	Ares(2023)3423019	01/03/2021	Briefing for Commissioner Simson for meetings with Coalition of Energy Savings and Green 10_1-2 March
7	Coalition for Energy Savings	Ares(2023)3423019	01/03/2021	Speaking points_Coalition for Energy Savings
8	Coalition for Energy Savings	Ares(2023)3423019	01/03/2021	Summary - meeting Coalition for Energy Savings
9	Finnish Energy	Ares(2020)1467396	24/04/2020	a. [Negative reply] MEETING REQUEST to Ms

		Ares(2020)2043409		TOMCZAK from Finnish Energy, 26-27/03/2020, Brussels b. [Positive reply for video] MEETING REQUEST to Ms TOMCZAK from Finnish Energy, April 2020, Brussels
10	FERN	Ares(2023)3220685	26/05/2021	MINUTES_Meeting with FERN May 2021
11	FERN	Ares(2021)1713393	26/05/2021	MEETING REQUEST LC-KN open date in 03/2021 - Biomass external costs / revision Energy Taxation Directive
12	FERN	Ares(2021)1713393	26/05/2021	Fern note_Biomass ETD
13	FERN	Ares(2023)669978	26/05/2021	[Re] MEETING REQUEST LC-KN open date in 03/2021 - Biomass external costs / revision Energy Taxation Directive
14	BusinessEurope	Ares(2021)2960764	12/05/2021	[VTC] INVITATION LC 12/05 - Guest Speaker @ BusinessEurope Energy and Climate Working Group
15	BusinessEurope	Ares(2023)670711	12/05/2021	[Re] [VTC] INVITATION LC 12/05 - Guest Speaker @ BusinessEurope Energy and Climate Working Group
16	FERN	Ares(2023)671151	01/02/2021	RE: Meeting bilaterally / forest biomass - 01/02/2021 - With Laure Chapuis

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that the documents n.1, 5, 9-16 listed above may be partially disclosed.

In fact, 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.

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 documents n.1, 5, 9-16, 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.

Access is granted to minutes of meetings with external parties. These documents were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant service. They solely reflect the service's interpretation of the interventions made and do not set out any official position of the third parties to which the documents refer. They do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

In addition, please note that document n. 8 is partially disclosed: some parts of the document have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by exception to the right of access laid down in Article 4(2)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. The redacted parts of the minutes contain commercially sensitive business information of the company attending the meeting. Moreover, in the company's view these parts do not correctly reflect its position.

The exceptions laid down in Article 4(2) and 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 apply unless there is an overriding public interest in disclosure of the document. I have examined whether there could be an overriding public interest in disclosure, but that I have not been able to identify such an interest.

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

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

by asking for a review via your portal¹ account (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

¹ <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>

or by mail:

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

Yours sincerely,

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