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**Subject: Your application for access to documents EASE 2023/2529**

Dear Ms Girvan,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 2 May 2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

*“Minutes/notes of the following meetings (and related lobbying materials, e.g. accompanying slides, briefings, reports etc):*

- 1. Danone, Lukas Visek, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans European Green Deal, 11/01/23, Video-call, Transition towards sustainable food systems;*
- 2. Danone Frans Timmermans, Executive VicePresident, European Green Deal 13/10/20, Brussels – video conference, Sustainable food systems;*
- 3. Arla Foods amba, Lukas Visek, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans European Green Deal, 25/11/21 video-call, Sustainable food systems;*
- 4. Cargill, Lukas Visek, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans, 13/12/22 Brussels, Sustainable food systems;*
- 5. Nestle S.A., Danone, Unilever, Lukas Visek, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans 26/04/21, Brussels - video conference, Dairy denominations;*

6. *Nestle S.A., Cargill, Arla Foods amba, Danone et al, Lukas Visek, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans, 02/12/22 Brussels, Workshop on the transition towards sustainable food systems;*
7. *Nestle S.A., Lukas Visek, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans, 08/01/2, Brussels - video conference, Discussion on sustainability commitments;*
8. *Nestle S.A., Landbrug & Fødevarer - Danish Agriculture and Food Council, et al., Lukas Visek, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans, 17/02/20, Brussels, Sustainable food systems;*
9. *Royal FrieslandCampina, Unilever, Shell Companies, Royal DSM, et al., Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans, 13/01/21, Brussels – videoconference, Roundtable on the Green Deal, organised by the Dutch Sustainable Growth Coalition, with the participation of the Dutch Prime Minister and other Dutch Government Ministers;*
10. *Landbrug & Fødevarer - Danish Agriculture and Food Council, Lukas Visek and Stefanie Hiesinger, Cabinet members of Frans Timmermans, 22/09/22, Brussels, Meeting with the President of the Danish Agriculture and Food Council (DAFC), Mr. Søren Søndergaard, representing Danish farmers and some of the EU's major cooperatives in the dairy and pig-meat sectors, Arla Foods and Danish Crown;*
11. *European Dairy Association (EDA), Lukas Visek, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans, 04/03/20, Brussels, Sustainable food systems;*
12. *UECBV, Lukas Visek, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans, 12/11/20, Brussels - video conference, Increasing sustainability in the meat sector;*
13. *European Meat Network, Lukas Visek, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans, 22/10/21 Brussels, Sustainable food systems;*
14. *Stichting IMAGINE Foundation, Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice President, 07/02/23 Brussels, Sustainable food systems and regenerative agriculture;*
15. *COPA COGECA, Lukas Visek, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans, 04/10/22, Brussels, EU Promotion Policy for agricultural goods;*
16. *COPA COGECA, Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans, 16/06/22, Brussels, Sustainable food systems;*

In response to our proposal for fair solution, sent on 10 May 2023 and registered under Ares(2023)3269896, you specified that you would narrow the scope to cover:

*“only the minutes of the 16 meetings, and, in addition, the related lobbying materials (e.g. accompanying slides, briefings, reports etc), for just 3 of the meetings, namely:*

- *Nestle S.A., Danone, Unilever, Lukas Visek, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans 26/04/21 Brussels - video conference, Dairy denominations*
- *Landbrug & Fødevarer - Danish Agriculture and Food Council, Lukas Visek and Stefanie Hiesinger, Cabinet members of Frans Timmermans 22/09/22 Brussels, Meeting with the President of the Danish Agriculture and Food Council (DAFC), Mr.*

*Søren Søndergaard, representing Danish farmers and some of the EU's major cooperatives in the dairy and pig-meat sectors, Arla Foods and Danish Crown*

- *UECBV, Lukas Visek, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans 12/11/20 Brussels - video conference, Increasing sustainability in the meat sector”.*

Your application concerns the following documents:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Reference</b>
1. Minutes_Lukas Visek meeting with DANONE_11.01.2023_Redacted	22/08/2023	Ares(2023)5725977
2. Meeting request_Danone_21.04.2020_Redacted	06/02/2020	Ares(2020)772332
3. Follow-up to the meeting in between EVP Timmermans and Danone_Redacted	16/03/2023	Ares(2023)1902695
4. Minutes_Meeting EVP TIMMERMANS with Danone_13.10.2020_Redacted	22/08/2023	Ares(2023)5725684
5. Minutes_Meeting between Lukas Visek and Arla Foods_25.11.2021_Redacted	16/08/2023	Ares(2023)5621340
6. Minutes_Meeting between Lukas Visek and CARGILL_13.12.2022_Redacted	20/12/2022	Ares(2022)8853787
7. Meeting request_between Lukas Visek and CARGILL_13.12.2022_Redacted	24/04/2023	Ares(2023)2881406
8. Minutes_Lukas Visek & Nestle, Danone, Unilever_26.04.2021	25/08/2023	Ares(2023)5802806
9. Workshop with Nestle, Cargill, Arla Foods and Danone, with food chain companies on FSFS and SHL_02.12.2022_Redacted	13/12/2022	Ares(2022)8656428
10. PPT_Lukas Visek & Nestle S.A., Cargill, Arla Foods amba, Danone_02.12.22	08/03/2023	Ares(2023)1675406
11. Workshop on the transition towards sustainable food systems_02.12.2022	08/03/2023	Ares(2023)1675406
12. Meeting and PPT with Nestle_08.01.2021_Redacted	28/08/2023	Ares(2023)5845909
13. Minutes_Meeting Lukas Visek with Danish Agriculture and Food Council and the Danish Trade Union_17.02.2020_Redacted	22/08/2023	Ares(2023)5725162
14. Meeting request_Redacted	25/07/2022	Ares(2022)5352674
15. Invitation DAFC_VP Frans Timmermans_Redacted	25/07/2022	Ares(2022)5352674
16. Reply to invitation from the Danish Agriculture and Food Council 50th anniversary_Redacted	01/08/2022	Ares(2022)5503731
17. Minutes_Meeting Lukas Visek with EDA_4.11.2020_Redacted	22/08/2023	Ares(2023)5725339
18. Minutes_Meeting with Lukas Visek & UECBV_12.11.2020_Redacted	15/11/2020	Ares(2020)6764898
19. European Meat Network (EMN) meeting invitation_21.10.2021_Redacted	01/10/2021	Ares(2021)5979445

20. Invitation letter_European Meat Network (EMN) to EVP_21.10.2021_Redacted	01/10/2021	Ares(2021)5979445
21. Presentation EMN_Redacted	01/10/2021	Ares(2021)5979445
22. Meeting _Frans Timmermans & Stichting IMAGINE Foundation_07.02.2023_Redacted	29/03/2023	Ares(2023)1951768
23. Minutes_Meeting Lukas Visek meeting with COPA-COGECA_4.10.2022_Redacted	22/08/2023	Ares(2023)5726426
24. Meeting request_EVP meeting with COPA-COGECA_16.06.2022_Redacted	18/07/2022	Ares(2022)5210723
25. Minutes_EVP meeting with COPA-COGECA_16.06.2022_Redacted	22/07/2022	Ares(2022)5308325

With regard to documents 1-7, 9, 12-25 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 names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management, and 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 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 a document 1 originating from third parties is disclosed to you based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, this disclosure is without prejudice to the rules on intellectual property, which may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released document without the agreement of the originator, who may hold an intellectual property right on it. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility from their reuse.

Documents 1, 4-6, 8, 13, 17-19, 23, 25 were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant service of the Cabinet of EVP Frans Timmermans. They solely reflect the service's interpretation of the interventions made and does not set out any official position of the third parties to which the document refers, which was not consulted on its content. They do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

Regarding meeting n 9 of your request, I regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents relate to the meeting between “the Royal Friesland Campina, Unilever, Shell Companies, Royal DSM and Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans on 13/01/21” are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

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 to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it:

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Yours faithfully,

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