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**Subject: Your application for access to documents n°2023/5407**

Dear Ms Balanya,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 19 September 2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Your request concerns all correspondence since 1 March 2023 between Commissioner Simson, her Cabinet and/or officials from DG Energy with representatives from the consultancies of “EU Gulf Partnership”, “PR firm Project Associates”, “Macroscope Strategies (formerly Westphalia Global Advisory)” and/or “Edelman” on the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Adnoc, Masdar and/or Sultan Al Jaber.

Your request also concerns any records, minutes, or notes of meetings or discussions with the consultancies on the above.

We 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, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

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 via your EASE portal<sup>1</sup> account.

Yours faithfully,

Ditte Juul Jørgensen

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