Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2024/3534

Dear Felix DUFFY,

We refer to your e-mail of 02/07/2024 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 04/07/2024 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

“All documents—including but not limited to correspondence, emails, minutes, notes (hand written or electronic), audio or video recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, and presentations—related to the meeting on 2024-04-09 between Lucrezia Busa, Cabinet member of Didier Reynders, and Google.”

Your application concerns the following documents:

- AGENDA - Meeting request with Google (Ares(2024)5033953; registered on 11/07/2024).
- [Re] AGENDA - Meeting request with Google (Ares(2024)5034021; registered on 11/07/2024).

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/initiads and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initiads and contact information 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, we 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 identified 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.

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 within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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

Yours faithfully,

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(e-signed)