Dear Mrs Marti,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/2277

We refer to your request dated 11 April 2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same date under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to: *A complete list of all meetings held by any member of your team/staff with churches, religious associations or communities, as well as with philosophical and non-confessional organisations, from 1 January 2014 onwards, specifying the status of the organization (church, religious association or community, philosophical association or non-confessional association). All documents, including all emails, minutes, reports or other documents received or drawn up before, during or after the meetings, and any other briefing papers related to these meetings.*

Following your request we have identified following documents:


We enclose a copy of the documents requested.
Your application has been dealt with in accordance with Regulation 1049/2001 on public access to Commission documents. As regards document 3, the third party has been consulted because the document originates from them and they agree with the disclosure, provided that personal data is redacted.

**Personal data**

The documents to which you have requested access contain personal data.

Pursuant to Article 4(1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to a document has to be refused if its disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data. The applicable legislation in this field is Regulation (EC) No 2018/1725. Pursuant to Article 9(1)(b) of Regulation 2018/1725, ‘personal data shall only be transmitted to recipients established in the Union other than Union institutions and bodies if the recipient establishes that it is necessary to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest and the controller, where there is any reason to assume that the data subject’s legitimate interests might be prejudiced, establishes that it is proportionate to transmit the personal data for that specific purpose after having demonstrably weighed the various competing interests’.

We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing the documents requested expunged from this personal data.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the expunged data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the rules of personal data protection, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission  
Secretary-General  
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)  
BERL 5/282  
B-1049 Bruxelles  
or by email to: sg-ace-doc@ec.europa.eu

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Yours sincerely,

Momchil Sabev
Head of Unit

Annexes: as stated above