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Dear Ms Musch,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/3601**

We refer to your e-mail of 9 June 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 12 June 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

We also refer to our e-mail 15 June 2020 extending the time- limit to respond to your request in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

You requested access to the inter service consultations on the Farm to Fork strategy, including all correspondence and minutes of meetings on the topic.

We have identified 36 documents related to your request. You will also find enclosed a table (Annex 1) listing the identified documents and summarising the outcome of the assessment carried out on the basis of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

With regard to some of the documents listed in the annex, 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;
- handwritten signatures/abbreviated signatures of 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 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.

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

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Secretariat-General  
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'  
BERL 7/076  
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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosure:           Annex I – List of documents  
                          Annex II – Documents identified