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Dear Madam,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/6929

We refer to your e-mail of 12 November 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 13 November 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to minutes (and any other reports) of meetings (including video and telephone meetings) with interest representatives, at which the formation of a European Clean Hydrogen Alliance was discussed, between 1 January and 10 March 2020. You are also asking for email correspondence relating to such meetings.

We have identified one document related to a meeting with Hydrogen Europe, which took place on 31 January 2020.

The document and its attachment are annexed to this note.

Regarding the document and its attachment, please find here the link to the final version of the report: [https://hydrogeneurope.eu/sites/default/files/Hydrogen Europe 2x40 GW Green H2 Initiative Paper.pdf](https://hydrogeneurope.eu/sites/default/files/Hydrogen%20Europe%202x40%20GW%20Green%20H2%20Initiative%20Paper.pdf).

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;

- the names/initials/functions 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.

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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Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
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Yours faithfully,

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Enclosures: 2 annexes