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Dear Madam,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/4852

I refer to your e-mail of 12 April 2021 submitted via the Third Party Website AsktheEU.org in which you make a request for access to documents. First, please accept my sincere apologies for the initial delay in handling your request, which was registered on 3 August 2021 under the above mentioned reference number.

Your request concerned "documents containing the following information "ENGIE 03 Jun 2020 -Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius / Camilla Bursi - To discuss the Green Recovery and Blue Economy issues relevant for the energy sector."

Two documents have been identified in the scope of your request:

- 1. E-mail correspondence with ENGIE organising the 3^{rd} June meeting document Ares (2020)709277
- 2. Meeting report document Ares (2020)4390554

With regard to the first document, 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 since it contains the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;
- other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

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Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation¹ does not allow the transmission of these personal data, unless 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 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.

Please also note that the mail originating from ENGIE is disclosed to you based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, this disclosure is without prejudice to the rules on intellectual property, which may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released document without the agreement of the originator, who may hold an intellectual property right on it. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility from their reuse.

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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:

European Commission

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

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B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu.

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC, OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39

Yours faithfully,

Vita JUKNE Head of Unit

Enclosures: 1. E-mail correspondence with ENGIE Ares (2020)709277

2 Meeting report Ares (2020)4390554