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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Date 28 januari 2022
Subject Your FOI request

Dear Ms Balanya,

In your e-mail of 8 December 2021, you requested information on Hydrogen 2021-II, invoking the Government Information (Public Access) Act (Wet openbaarheid van bestuur; Wob).

The information you requested concerned the following:

'A list of meetings that representatives and employees of the Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the European Union had with representatives of companies, organisations and other stakeholders, during the last 6 months, in which the issue of hydrogen was discussed.

I would like to know who was present at the meeting, including the names of organisations/ lobbyists presents, as well as the date of the meeting, and the subject matter discussed, and get the minutes of these meetings.'

The decision was postponed by four weeks on 23 December 2021.

Statutory framework

Your application falls within the scope of the Government Information (Public Access) Act.

Decision

In response to your application, one document has been found, namely an email message containing the minutes of a meeting between a representative of the Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the European Union and a representative of Solar Power Europe on the renewable energy directive (RED II). This meeting took place on 22 June 2021. On 8 June 2021 there also was a meeting on the issue of hydrogen with Gasunie, but of this meeting no document was found.

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I have decided to partly grant your application and to partially disclose the document that was found.

In the document you will not find the names of the persons who were present at the meeting. I do not disclose this information in respect of personal privacy, on the ground of section 10, subsection 2, opening words and (e) of the Government Information (Public Access) Act.

Manner of disclosure

The document is digitally enclosed with this decision.

Publication

The partly disclosed document will be published on www.rijksoverheid.nl, so that the document can be accessed by everyone.

Yours sincerely,

For the Minister of Foreign Affairs,
The deputy permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the
European Union

[This letter was processed digitally and is therefore not signed.]

Michael Stibbe

Within six weeks after this decision is sent, a notice of objection may be lodged. The notice of objection must be signed and dated and include the name and address of the person submitting it, a description of the decision against which the objection is being lodged and the grounds on which it is based. The notice of objection should be addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Legal Affairs Department, Postbus 20061, 2500 EB The Hague, The Netherlands.