Dear Mr Fanta,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/1714

We refer to your request for access to documents on 22 March 2022, registered under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to “[a]ll documents relating to a meeting between Werner Stengg and Thorn on 30/09/2021. This includes meeting minutes, e-mails and any other communication related to said meeting.”

We have identified the following documents related to your request:

1. E-mail exchange between Cabinet Vestager and Thorn
2. Meeting report

With regard to the documents identified, a complete disclosure 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/initialed and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initialed and contact details of other institutions or natural persons.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation (Regulation 2018/1725) 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 neither express any particular interest to have access to these personal data, nor put forward arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.
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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:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Unit C.1. ‘Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents’
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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Enclosure: disclosed documents