Subject: Your applications for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2022/2277

Dear Mr Henning,

We refer to your e-mail of 20 April 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 20 April 2022 under the above-mentioned reference numbers.

You requested access to documents that concern a meeting between Commissioner Schmit and the European Trade Union Federation (ETUC) on 5 April 2022.

It was concluded that the following documents fall within the scope of your application:

1. 05/04/2022 – Cssr Schmit meeting ETUC - briefing Ares(2022)3088834
2. 05/04/2022 – Cssr Schmit meeting ETUC – flash report

With regard to the documents listed above, 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/initiats and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initiats and contact details of other natural persons;
- other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

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.

Please note that the documents listed were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant services of the Commission. They solely reflect the services interpretation of the interventions made and do not set out any official position of the third parties to which the documents refer, which were not consulted on its content. They do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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

Yours faithfully,

Max UEBE
Head of Unit

Enclosure: 2 documents