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Dear Ms Balanya,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No
2022/2354**

We refer to your request addressed to the Commission to access documents, registered on 26 April 2022 under the following reference number: GESTDEM 2022/2354.

Your request concerns “1 - all correspondence (including email, whatsapp and SMS) since 8th December 2021 between Commissioner Simson, Commissioner Timmermans, Commissioner Breton, President van der Leyen, and/or their cabinets and/or officials from DG Energy, DG Clima, DG Grow and/or Secretariat General on one hand and any stakeholder on the other, in which the “EU Neighbourhoods”, as mentioned in the European Clean Hydrogen Strategy, were addressed. 2 - list of meetings since 8th December 2021 between Commissioner Simson, Commissioner Timmermans, Commissioner Breton, President van der Leyen, and/or their cabinets and/or officials from DG Energy, DG Clima, DG Grow and/or Secretariat General on one hand and any stakeholder on the other, in which the “EU Neighbourhoods”, as mentioned in the European Clean Hydrogen Strategy, were addressed. 3 - minutes of the meetings mentioned above.”

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to other Directorates-General¹. This reply relates only to the documents held by the President of the Commission, Executive Vice-President Timmermans, their Cabinets and the

¹ GESTDEM 2022/2381, Directorate-General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA)

Secretariat-General. You will receive the replies from the other Directorates-General in due course.

We regret to inform you that, as regards the President of the Commission, Executive Vice-President Timmermans, their Cabinets and the Secretariat-General, the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days of receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents unit (SG.C.1)
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

This letter is sent to your attention by email. We invite you to confirm the good acknowledgment of receipt of this email within the 5 days of receipt.

Yours sincerely,

e-signed

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