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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/4699

Dear Mr Petitjean,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 19 August 2022 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to all documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes) relating to the meetings listed below:

1. Between Rozalina Petrova (Cabinet member) and Eastman Chemical Company, on 3rd March, 2022
2. Between Florika Fink-Hooijer (Director-General) and Cefic on 7th September 2021
3. Between Florika Fink-Hooijer (Director-General) and Cefic on 27th January 2021
4. Between Virginijus Sinkevičius (Commissioner), Camilla Bursi (Cabinet member) and Cefic on 3rd November, 2020
5. Between Virginijus Sinkevičius (Commissioner), Rozalina Petrova (Cabinet member) and Plastics Recyclers Europe on 22nd July, 2020
6. Between Virginijus Sinkevičius (Commissioner), Camilla Bursi (Cabinet member) and Cefic on 10th June, 2020
7. Between Daniel Calleja Crespo (Director-General) and ExxonMobil on 14th January 2020
8. Between Daniel Calleja Crespo (Director-General) and LyonDellBasell on 9th July, 2019
9. Between Daniel Calleja Crespo (Director-General) and LyonDellBasell on 10th October 2018

I consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your initial application, i.e. 19 August 2022.

Please note that Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 specifies that the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Your application concerns the following 21 documents:

1. Between Rozalina Petrova (Cabinet member) and Eastman Chemical Company, on 3rd March, 2022

		Title	Author	Addressee	Date	Reference Ares
1	1.1	Request for a meeting	Eastman	Cab. Sinkevicius	19/01/2022	Ares(2022)409406 Which includes 3 annexes:
2						Annex 1: Eastman position
3						Annex 2: Letter to Frans Timmermans
4						Annex 3: Press Release
5	1.2	Reply	Cab. Sinkevicius	Eastman	24/01/2022	Ares(2022)545421
6	1.3	Meeting report	Cab. Sinkevicius	Internal	03/03/2022	Ares(2022)7361363 Which includes
7						Annex 1: Presentation by Eastman
8	1.4	Follow-up	Eastman	Cab. Sinkevicius	11/03/2022	Ares(2022)1861009

2. Between Florika Fink-Hooijer (Director-General) and Cefic on 7th September 2021

		Title	Author	Addressee	Date	Reference Ares
9	2.1	Letter	Cefic	DG ENV	29/07/2021	Ares(2022)7489419
10	2.2	Meeting flash report	DG ENV	DG ENV		Ares(2022)7650552

3. Between Florika Fink-Hooijer (Director-General) and Cefic on 27th January 2021

		Title	Author	Addressee	Date	Reference Ares
11	3.1	Meeting report	DG ENV	DG ENV	29/01/2021	Ares(2022)7847155

4. Between Virginijus Sinkevičius (Commissioner), Camilla Bursi (Cabinet member) and Cefic on 3rd November, 2020

		Title	Author	Addressee	Date	Reference Ares
12	4.1	Meeting request	Cefic	Cabinet	15/09/2020	Ares(2020)4842086
13	4.2	Meeting report	DG ENV	DG ENV	03/11/2020	Ares(2022)7950406

5. Between Virginijus Sinkevičius (Commissioner), Rozalina Petrova (Cabinet member) and Plastics Recyclers Europe on 22nd July, 2020

		Title	Author	Addressee	Date	Reference Ares
14	5.1	Letter	Plastics Recyclers Europe	Cab. Sinkevicius	13/05/2020	Ares(2020)2531781
15	5.2	Meeting report – asked CAB				Ares(2023)460689

6. Between Virginijus Sinkevičius (Commissioner), Camilla Bursi (Cabinet member) and Cefic on 10th June, 2020

		Title	Author	Addressee	Date	Reference Ares
16	6.1	Meeting request	Cefic	Cabinet	11/12/2019	Ares(2019)7612515
17	6.2	Meeting report	Cabinet	internal	10/06/2020	Ares(2022)7950451

7. Between Daniel Calleja Crespo (Director-General) and ExxonMobil on 14th January 2020

		Title	Author	Addressee	Date	Reference Ares
18	7.1	Meeting content	DDG Calleja-Crespo	Individual	12/05/2020	Ares(2020)2649278

8. Between Daniel Calleja Crespo (Director-General) and LyonDellBasell on 9th July, 2019

		Title	Author	Addressee	Date	Reference Ares
19	8.1	Meeting request	LyonDellBasell	Daniel Calleja Crespo	17/09/2018	Ares(2022)7490040
20	8.2	Follow-up letter	World Plastic Council	Daniel Calleja Crespo	23/07/2019	Ares(2019)5002865

9. Between Daniel Calleja Crespo (Director-General) and LyonDellBasell on 10th October 2018

		Title	Author	Addressee	Date	Reference Ares
21	9.1	Meeting report	DG ENV	DG ENV	10/10/2018	Ares(2018)5333722

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Yours faithfully,

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