



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
SECRETARIAT-GENERAL

Recovery & Resilience Task Force
Director - Recovery & Resilience B

Brussels
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Dear Madam,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2022/4789

We refer to your e-mail dated 24/08/2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above mentioned reference number.

You request:

Names of attendees at all meetings; names of organisations they represented; agendas from the meetings; minutes of meetings; details of the locations of meetings; presentation slides used, and any other materials shared or used (e.g. briefings, leaflets), including in preparation and after the meetings took place; names and organisations of any speakers or external guests for the following [meeting]: American European Community Association with Celine Gauer, Director-General of Recovery and Resilience Task force (RECOVER) 04/07/2022.

Your application concerns the following documents:

- AECA Invitation to speak: Mrs Céline GAUER, Director General and Head of the Recovery and Resilience Task Force (RECOVER) - email, registered on 01/04/2022 under the Ares(2022)2444500 reference number (hereby Document 1);
- AECA Invitation to speak: Mrs Céline GAUER, Director General and Head of the Recovery and Resilience Task Force (RECOVER) – attachment to document 1, Rationale & Format, registered on 01/04/2022 under the Ares(2022)2444500 reference number (hereby Document 2);
- AECA Invitation to speak: Mrs Céline GAUER, Director General and Head of the Recovery and Resilience Task Force (RECOVER) – attachment to document 1, Invitation to speaker, registered on 01/04/2022 under the Ares(2022)2444500 reference number (hereby Document 3);
- AECA Invitation to speak: Mrs Céline GAUER, Director General and Head of the Recovery and Resilience Task Force (RECOVER) – attachment to document 1, List

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of confirmed speakers, registered on 01/04/2022 under the Ares(2022)2444500 reference number (hereby Document 4);

- RE: AECA Invitation to speak: Mrs Céline GAUER, Director General and Head of the Recovery and Resilience Task Force (RECOVER), registered on 08/04/2022 under the Ares(2022)2781234 reference number (hereby Document 5).
- AECA Round-Table with Guest Speaker Mrs Céline GAUER, Director General and Head of the Recovery and Resilience Task Force (RECOVER) - Email, registered on 14/09/2022 under the Ares(2022)6348703 reference number (hereby Document 6).
- AECA Round-Table with Guest Speaker Mrs Céline GAUER, Director General and Head of the Recovery and Resilience Task Force (RECOVER) – attachment to document 6, Preliminary Participant List, registered on 14/09/2022 under the Ares(2022)6348703 reference number (hereby Document 7).
- AECA Round-Table with Guest Speaker Mrs Céline GAUER, Director General and Head of the Recovery and Resilience Task Force (RECOVER) – attachment to document 6, time table AECA event with Celine Gauer, registered on 14/09/2022 under the Ares(2022)6348703 reference number (hereby Document 8).
- Thanking letter - AECA Round-Table on Monday 4 July 2022 - email, registered on 30/08/2022 under the Ares(2022)6018581 reference number (hereby Document 9).
- Thanking letter - AECA Round-Table on Monday 4 July 2022 – attachment to document 9, thanking letter, registered on 30/08/2022 under the Ares(2022)6018581 reference number (hereby Document 10).

Documents from 1 to 4 and from 6 to 10 originate from a third party, which has been consulted according to the provisions outlined in Article 4(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

Having examined the identified documents under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, and taking into account the outcome of the third-party consultation, we are pleased to provide partial access to the identified documents.

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 names, contact details and professional functions of natural persons. 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 put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, we 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 documents originating from third parties are disclosed to you based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, this disclosure is without prejudice to the rules on intellectual property, which may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released documents without the agreement of the originator, who may hold an intellectual property right on them. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility from their reuse.

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 upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosure: Document 1, Document 2, Document 3, Document 4, Document 5,
Document 6, Document 7, Document 8, Document 9, Document 10.