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Subject: Your application for access to documents – 2023/0425

Dear Ms Vink,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 23 January 2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to *documents which contain minutes from the following meetings:*

1. *Barbara Glowacka with Vattenfall on 12/01/2023 in Brussels, discussing biomass.*
2. *Barbara Glowacka with Metsäliitto Cooperative on 11/11/2022 via video conferencing, discussing Revision of the Renewable Energy Directive; LULUCF Regulation and Deforestation Regulation; Taxonomy and Nature Restoration Regulation, Carbon Removals and REPowerEU.*
3. *Barbara Glowacka with Swedish Forest Industries Federation on 30/06/2022 in Brussels, discussing the ongoing work on RePowerEU and RED.*
4. *Barbara Glowacka with Pohjolan Voima Oyj on 03/05/2022 via video conferencing, to exchange views on considerations regarding biomass energy under the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive.*
5. *Barbara Glowacka with Albioma on 10/02/2022 via video conferencing, to discuss RED II and Hydropower.*
6. *Barbara Glowacka with EuroNatur - Stiftung Europäisches Naturerbe, Naturschutzbund Deutschland e.V., Riverwatch on 30/11/2021 in Brussels, to discuss the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive.*
7. *Barbara Glowacka and Thor-Sten Vertmann with Swedish Forest Industries Federation on 30/11/2021 in Brussels, to discuss on the ongoing work RED, ETS but also more general policies on how to reform the electricity market.*

The following documents fall within the scope of your application:

Nr	Stakeholder	Ares	Date	Title
1	Vattenfall	Ares(2023)587607	12/01/2023	MINUTES_Meeting Vattenfall 120123
2	Metsä Group	Ares(2023)529695	11/11/2022	MINUTES_Meeting with Metsä Group 111122
3	SFI / SCA	Ares(2022)5323949	30/06/2022	Minutes of the Meeting 30/06/2022 Barbara Glowacka with Swedish Forestry Industries (SFI) and SCA on RED II revision
4	PVO	Ares(2022)986524	10/02/2022	Report of the 10/02/2022 videoconference between Barbara Glowacka (Cabinet Simson) and Pohjolan Voima (PVO) on RED II and Hydropower
5	Albioma	Ares(2023)530073	03/05/2022	MINUTES_Meeting Albioma 03 05 2022
6	EuroNatur	Ares(2023)531392	30/11/2021	MEETING MINUTES_30.11.2021_Meeting with NGOs on RED II revision
7	SFI	Ares(2023)570225	30/11/2022	MINUTES_Meeting SFI 30 11 22

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that the documents listed above may be partially disclosed.

In fact, 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/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other 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 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.

Access is granted to minutes of meetings with external parties. These documents were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant service. They solely reflect the service's 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.

Moreover, having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that the document n.1 may be partially disclosed. Some parts of this document have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by exception to the right of access laid down in Article 4(2) of this Regulation.

The redacted parts of the document n.1 contain commercially sensitive business information of the company that submitted it.

Disclosure of these parts would undermine the protection of commercial interests protected under this exception.

The exceptions laid down in Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 apply unless there is an overriding public interest in disclosure of the documents. I have examined whether there could be an overriding public interest in disclosure, but that I have not been able to identify such an interest.

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 to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

by asking for a review via your portal¹ account (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

or by mail:

European Commission

Secretariat-General

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

Yours sincerely,

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¹ <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>