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Subject: Your application for access to documents – 2023/0499

Dear Ms Verheecke,

We refer to your e-mail received on 24 January 2023 in which you make a request for access to documents addressed to the Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW), which was registered on 26 January 2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

- 1. Any documents, including briefings, reports, correspondence (email or other), between DG GROW and Bpifrance on the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive since 1st January 2021.*
- 2. A list of meetings, as well as agendas and minutes or any other reports of such meetings, since 1st January 2021, between officials/representatives/experts of DG GROW and Bpifrance related directly or indirectly to the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive.*

Following your request, we inform you that DG GROW has been involved in the preparation of the Directive on Sustainable Corporate Governance (CSDD) as from May 2021. Therefore, we consider that our searches for the requested documents shall cover the period from May 2021 to present.

After having conducted the relevant research, we regret to inform you that we do 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 DG GROW, DG GROW 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 upon 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 (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
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Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

Kerstin Jorna
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