Dear Ms Balanya,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref EASE No 2023/3980

We refer to your request for access to documents, registered on 08/07/2023, followed by a confirmatory request registered on 15/09/2023, under the abovementioned reference number.

Your request concerns “1. A list of the meetings/discussions (including those held face to face, online, by telephone etc) that have taken place since 1 January 2023 between President von der Leyen and/or her cabinet on one hand and representatives from Dii Desert Energy, the MENA Hydrogen Alliance, Hydrogen Europe, the African Hydrogen Partnership Trade Association (AHP), the Hydrogen Council, Green Hydrogen Organisation (GH2), Shell, Total, Equinor, BP, Eni, FTI Consulting and/or Baker McKenzie, on the other, in which the issue hydrogen and COP28 was discussed.

2. Any records, minutes or notes of these meetings/discussions.

3. Any briefings prepared for these meetings.

4. All correspondence exchanged since 1 January 2023 (including SMS & any other type of messages processed through phone apps - eg., WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram etc, recorded voice messages, emails, letters and attached documents) between President von der Leyen and/or her cabinet and representatives of companies and/or industry associations Dii Desert Energy, the MENA Hydrogen Alliance, Hydrogen Europe, the African Hydrogen Partnership Trade Association (AHP), Green Hydrogen Organisation (GH2), Shell, Total, Equinor, BP, Eni, Hydrogen Council, FTI Consulting and/or Baker McKenzie, (including lobby consultancies and law firms working for them) in which the issue hydrogen and COP28 was discussed”.

We regret to inform you that 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 upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretary-General Transparency unit SG-C.1
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Bruxelles

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

Yours sincerely,

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Electronically signed on 18/10/2023 20:44 (UTC+02) in accordance with Article 11 of Commission Decision (EU) 2021/2121