Dear Ms Vaughan,

Subject: Your application for access to documents EASE 2023/4645

I refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 03/08/2023 under the reference number above. On 23/08/2023 you were informed about the extended deadline for the Commission’s reply in this case.

In your request you are asking for access to the following Commission document(s) / document(s) containing the following information:

All documentation, including but not limited to attendance lists, agendas, background papers, minutes/notes and email correspondence about or summarizing, the following meetings:

- Between BusinessEurope and Vice-President Jourová on 20/06/2023
- Between BusinessEurope and Simona Constantin, Cabinet member of Věra Jourová, on 01/02/2023
- Between BusinessEurope and Florentine Hopmeier, Cabinet member of Ursula von der Leyen, on 30/09/2021
- Between BusinessEurope and Vice-President Jourová on 05/05/2021
- Between BusinessEurope and Charmaine Hili, Cabinet member of Ursula von der Leyen, on 23/04/2021

I consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your initial application.

We have identified the following documents as falling within the scope of your application:

1. Report from Vice-President Jourová meeting with Business Europe on 20/06/2023 – Ref. Ares(2023)6196380
2. Meeting between BusinessEurope and Simona Constantin, Cabinet member of Věra Jourová, on 01/02/2023 Report - Ref. Ares(2023)746768
3. Minutes of the Meeting between Florentine Hopmeier, Cabinet of President von der Leyen and Business Europe, 30/09/2021- Ref. Ares(2023)6056220

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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 these documents may be partially disclosed. A complete disclosure of the identified document is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individuals outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data: the names and company positions 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 express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward 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.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit 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
Unit C.1. ‘Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents’
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

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Director SG.E

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