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Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2023/6901

Dear Ms Verheecke,

We refer to your request of 20 November 2023 submitted via e-mail and registered on the same date under the above-mentioned reference number, in which you make a request for access to documents.

You requested access to:

“- All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts and recordings) AND the meeting minutes/notes relating to the meeting between Thierry Breton, Joan Canton and CEFIC on 12th October 2023”.

We have identified one document that falls within the scope of your request.

A complete disclosure of the identified document 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) N° 1049/2001, because it contains the following personal data:

- the names/initials, contact information and functions of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management.
- the names/initials, contact details and functions 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) N° 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.

With regard to the meeting minutes, please note that the minutes were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant services of the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW). They solely reflect the author's interpretation of the interventions made and do not set out any official position of the third parties to which the document refers, which was not consulted on its content. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) N° 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 faithfully,

Kerstin JORNA
Director-General
(electronically signed)

Enclosure: 1

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