Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2024/0509

Dear Mr Walden,

We refer to your request of 26th January 2024 for access to documents, registered the same day under the above-mentioned reference numbers.

You request access to the documentation about and summarising the meeting of our Director General Ditte Juul Jørgensen with private institutional investors on 29 November 2023.

Your application concerns the following documents:

1. E-Mail invitation (17 November 2023)
2. Background paper (17 November 2023)
3. Participant list with all institutions (29 November 2023)
4. Minutes of the meeting (11 December 2023)

With regard to the documents 1 E-Mail invitation and 3 Participant list with all institutions listed above, 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 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.

Please note that the background paper is an informal document, which does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

The minutes (document 3) were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant service of the Directorate-General for Energy. It solely reflects the service’s interpretation of the interventions made and does 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 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 sincerely,

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Head of Unit

Enclosure: E-Mail invitation
Background paper
Participant list with all institutions
Minutes of the meeting