Subject: Your application for access to documents Case 2024/0994

Dear Mr Daalder,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 21 February 2024 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

“All communication about RENURE between either Mark Rutte or Piet Adema and:

* Ursula von der Leyen and everyone in her team
* Janusz Wojciechowski and everyone in his team
* Virginijus Sinkevičius and everyone in his team

The time period is 10 January 2022 – 21 February 2024”.

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to other Directorates-General cited above. This reply relates only to the documents held by the Cabinet of Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development. You will receive the reply from the other Directorates-General in due course.

We have identified 2 documents with annexes falling within the scope of your request.

Please kindly note that one of them is publicly available, on the EASE portal. You can retrieve this document, by filtering it with following references: Ares(2022)8343352, in the ‘Search by Reference’ criteria .
You will find enclosed a copy of the second identified document together with its annex. As regards this document, a complete disclosure of it 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 it contains the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the photo and CV of natural person.

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) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested document, 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 annex of the document is fully disclosed.

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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 post:

European Commission
Secretariat-General

¹ https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)  
BERL 7/076  
B-1049 Bruxelles  

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

Yours faithfully,

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Head of Unit

Enclosure: 1 document with annex