Dear Sir,

We are writing concerning your request for access to Commission documents registered on 23 May 2024 under case number EASE 2024/2691.

Your application reads as follows:

‘Dear Communications Networks, Content and Technology,’

Under the right of access to documents in the EU treaties, as developed in Regulation 1049/2001, I am requesting documents which contain the following information: Any data, images, information or other documents under my name or taken from me’.

Based on your description, we understand that you are seeking access to your personal data.

We therefore wonder whether, instead of making a request for access to documents, you intended to make a request under Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (the Data Protection Regulation) which entitles you to obtain information about your personal data from DG CONNECT.

A request for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 is, in principle, an instrument that leads to a disclosure of documents to the public at large and is not limited to a particular applicant.

For this reason, DG CONNECT could in general not give access to personal data under an access to documents request. By contrast, if you were to make a request under Article 17 of the Data Protection Regulation you could obtain confirmation as to whether or not personal data concerning you are being processed, and, where that is the case, access to the personal data and certain information related to this processing.

Against this background, we would like to ask you pursuant to Article 6(2) of Regulation 1049/2001 to clarify whether you wanted to make a request for access to documents or rather a request under Article 17 of the Data Protection Regulation.

In case you would like to receive the requested data under the abovementioned Article 17 of the Data Protection Regulation we are going to treat your request accordingly. In this respect, you are kindly requested to provide us with more information about your relationship with DG CONNECT, your involvement in DG CONNECT’s activities, the context under which your personal data may have been collected and processed and any additional information that will help us identify the competent Units in DG CONNECT that will deal with your request.

If you prefer that your request is handled under Regulation 1049/2001 please note that in accordance with Article 2, third paragraph of the Implementing Rules to Regulation 1049/2001, the 15 working days time limit for handling your application for access to documents will start running when we receive the requested clarifications.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours faithfully,