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Dear Mr Bauer,

Subject: Application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2015/1554

Thank you for your request for access to documents under Regulation No 1049/2001¹ regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents ("the Regulation") registered on 13 March 2015.

In your request you ask for a *'list of all stakeholders participating in the TTIP negotiations as well as a list of all people representing the stakeholders behalf in the negotiations'*.

I regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application.

In addition, please note, that it's the Commission who is negotiating the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) agreement on Union's behalf. Stakeholders are not direct participants to the negotiations, but play an important contributing role in determining the EU's negotiating positions. To facilitate their involvement DG Trade has organised the following stakeholder events to discuss the ongoing negotiations on TTIP. The list of registered organisations can be found under **Negotiation rounds - press material** section of the dedicated TTIP website and for your convenience by following the links below.

- 27 /11/2013 - TTIP Stakeholder event during the second round of the negotiations;

http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2013/november/tradoc_151919.pdf

- 12 /03/2014 - TTIP Stakeholder presentations and Chief Negotiators' Briefing to Stakeholders during the fourth round of the negotiations;

¹ OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2015/may/tradoc_153412.pdf

- 13/05/2014 - TTIP Stakeholder meeting on investment protection;

http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2014/may/tradoc_152472.pdf

- 16/07/2014 - TTIP Stakeholder event during the sixth round of the negotiations;

http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2014/august/tradoc_152721.pdf

- 04/02/2015 - TTIP Stakeholder event during the eight round of the negotiations.

<http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/events/index.cfm?id=1239>

In addition to the stakeholder events, DG Trade organises meetings with civil society organisations within DG Trade's Civil Society Dialogue (CSD). The following meetings on TTIP have been organised in this context:

- 16/07/2013 - Update on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership - First Negotiation Round;
- 14/01/2014 - Update on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership - Third Negotiation Round;
- 01/04/2014 - Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership;
- 03/06/2014 - Update on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership - Fifth Negotiation Round;
- 04/11/2014 - Update on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership - Seventh Negotiation Round.

The list of registered participants can be found on the web page of the corresponding CSD meeting in DG Trade's website².

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution. Given that no such documents have been identified, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

I trust this information meets your needs. Please note that in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

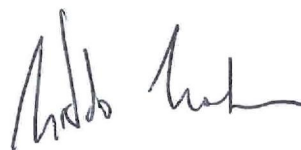
² <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/civilsoc/index.cfm>

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretary-General
Transparency unit SG-B-4
BERL 5/327
B-1049 Bruxelles

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

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hiddo Houben', with a stylized, cursive script.

Hiddo HOUBEN