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Dear Mr Teffer,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2018/4355

We refer to your e-mail dated 13/08/2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 13/08/2018 under the above mentioned reference number.

1. Scope of your request

You request access to:

" [...]

– all documents related to the 18-1-2017 meeting between Vice-President Andrus Ansip and Bertelsmann Stiftung, including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations

– all documents related to the 30-1-2017 meeting between Vice-President Andrus Ansip and Lingvist Technologies, including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations

– all documents related to the 20-3-2017 meeting between Vice-President Andrus Ansip and Deutsches Forschungszentrum für Künstliche Intelligenz DFKI GmbH, including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations

– all documents related to the 25-1-2018 meeting between Vice-President Andrus Ansip and arago GmbH, including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations

– all documents related to the 2-2-2018 meeting between Vice-President Andrus Ansip and University College Cork, including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations

- all documents related to the 15-2-2018 meeting between Vice-President Andrus Ansip and Microsoft, including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations
- all documents related to the 8-3-2018 meeting between Vice-President Andrus Ansip and Cisco, including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations
- all documents related to the 14-3-2018 meeting between Vice-President Andrus Ansip and arago GmbH, including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations
- all documents related to the 18-4-2018 meeting between Vice-President Andrus Ansip and Mind the Bridge Foundation, including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations
- all documents related to the 22-5-2018 meeting between Vice-President Andrus Ansip and Pan-European Insurance Forum, including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations

[...] "

With regard to your application, the following documents/materials have been identified:

Meeting with Bertelsmann Stiftung of 18-01-2017	<p>A paper on <u>Ethical norms for algorithms and AI</u> was submitted during the meeting.</p> <p>Our services have submitted the request for the mentioned document to the third party. The request is still pending.</p>
Meeting with Lingvist Technologies of 30-01-2017	<p>The following comment was provided by the cabinet of the Vice-President Andrus Ansip:</p> <p><i>We were just walked around their office and were introduced how such an Edutech startup is working and growing globally. Free flow of data was also discussed.</i></p>
Meeting with Deutsches Forschungszentrum für Künstliche Intelligenz DFKI GmbH of 20-03-2017	<p>The following comment was provided by the cabinet of the Vice-President Andrus Ansip:</p> <p><i>This was part of the CEBIT visit, and this meeting is not mentioned in the report.</i></p>
Meeting with Arago GmbH of 25-01-2018	Meeting minutes with Arago GmbH [Ares(2018)4839409] are enclosed.
Meeting with Arago GmbH of 14-03-2018	Meeting minutes with Arago GmbH [Ares(2018)4856531] are enclosed.
Meeting with University College Cork of 02-02-2018	Meeting minutes with EurAI Professor Barry O'Sullivan on Artificial Intelligence + a presentation [Ares(2018)4793598] are enclosed.
Meeting with Microsoft of 15-02-2018	Meeting minutes with Microsoft [Ares(2018)4785960] are enclosed.

Meeting with Cisco of 08-03-2018	Meeting minutes with Cisco [Ares(2018)1386024] are enclosed.
Meeting with Mind the Bridge Foundation of 18-04-2018	<p>The following comment was provided by the cabinet of the Vice-President Andrus Ansip:</p> <p><i>This meeting was part of the Silicon Valley Mission</i></p> <p>Startup community event organised by Mind-the-Bridge foundation</p> <p><i>As part of the launch event of the "Startup Europe Comes to Silicon Valley", the Vice-President participated at a roundtable at the occasion of the 2018 Edition & the Who's-Who directory of EU Bridge Organizations in Silicon Valley. The conversation included the aspects of the startup climate in Europe, issues and opportunities, European policy and legislative support startups and SMEs, GDPR, why companies should stay in Europe, and some selected feedback from meetings with the platform companies the day before.</i></p>
Meeting with Pan-European Insurance Forum of 22-05-2018	<p>The following comment was provided by the cabinet of the Vice-President Andrus Ansip:</p> <p><i>This meeting was a roundtable discussion with the member companies of the PEIF.</i></p> <p><i>Topics: Free Flow of Data – Artificial Intelligence – GDPR.</i></p>

The documents to which you have requested access contain personal data.

Pursuant to Article 4(1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to a document has to be refused if its disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data. The applicable legislation in this field is Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data¹.

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable².

According to Article 8(b) of this Regulation, personal data shall only be transferred to recipients if they establish the necessity of having the data transferred to them and if there is no reason to assume that the legitimate rights of the persons concerned might be prejudiced.

We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and/or that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing a version of the documents requested in which these personal data have been redacted.

¹ Official Journal L 8 of 12.1.2001, p. 1.

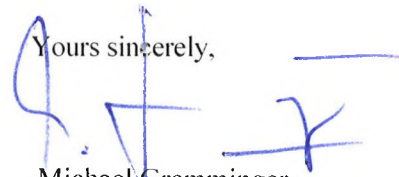
² Judgment of the Court of Justice of the EU of 29 June 2010 in case 28/08 P, *Commission/The Bavarian Lager Co. Ltd*, ECR 2010 I-06055.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the redacted data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the applicable rules on the protection of personal data, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, to make 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours sincerely, 
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