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Subject: Request for access to documents – GESTDEM No. 2018/4865

Dear Mr Teffer,

Thank you for your e-mail of 29 August 2018 which was registered at the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs Directorate-General of the European Commission on 4 September 2018, requesting access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L145, 31 May 2001, page 43 and following).

1. SCOPE OF YOUR REQUEST

Your e-mail requested access to documents as follows:

- "— all documents related to the 1-3-2017 meeting between director-general Lowri Evans and Uber, including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations
- all documents related to the 9-7-2018 meeting between Rolf Carsten Bermig and Enterprise Rent a Car, including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations
- all documents related to the 4-12-2017 meeting between Rolf Carsten Bermig and Enterprise Rent a Car, including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations
- all documents related to the 10-7-2017 meeting between Rolf Carsten Bermig and Enterprise Rent a Car, including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations
- all documents related to the 27-11-2017 meeting between Rolf Carsten Bermig and Mobivia, including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations".

2. DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENTS IDENTIFIED

We have identified four documents matching the scope of your request. The list of these documents is in annex.

3. DISCLOSURE OF THE DOCUMENTS

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The documents to which you have requested access contain personal data, in particular names and functions of European Commission staff and names and functions of stakeholder representatives.

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.

Official Journal L 8 of 12.1.2001, p. 1

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.

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We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing the documents requested expunged from this personal data.

If you wish to receive these personal data, we invite you to provide us with arguments showing the need for having these personal data transferred to you and the absence of adverse effects to the legitimate rights of the persons whose personal data should be disclosed.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the expunged data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the rules of personal data protection, 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:

European Commission Secretary-General Transparency unit SG-B-4 BERL 5/288 B-1049 Brussels

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

Yours sincerely,

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Annexes: Document register

Zipped file containing 4 documents