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|  | Brussels, 13 August 2019 |
| Mr Felix SyrovatkaEmail: ask+request-7036-8dcb2b78@asktheeu.org |
| Ref. 19/1548-em/nsRequest made on: 02.07.2019 |
| Dear Mr Syrovatka, |

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union.[[1]](#footnote-1)

We have registered on 2 July 2019 your request for access to all Council documents (minutes, notes, correspondence, documents submitted by external bodies, protocols of meetings, position papers, non-papers) regarding the *Europe 2020 Strategy*. On 23 July the deadline for reply to your request has been extended by 15 days.

The General Secretariat makes every effort to process your request as quickly as possible. We wish, however, to draw your attention to Article 6(3) of the above Regulation, which provides that "*In the event of an application relating to a very long document or to a very large number of documents, the institution concerned may confer with the applicant informally, with a view to finding a fair solution*."

In view of the very large number of documents covered by your application, the General Secretariat is unable to process your request within the time-limit laid down in Article 7(1) and (3) of the Regulation. Under these circumstances, we hope that you will be able to accept that your request will be processed as quickly as possible. The General Secretariat will endeavour to send you partial replies whenever a sufficient number of documents has been assessed.

At this stage, the following documents have been identified:

- concerning in general all documents related to the ***Strategy Europe 2020***: almost all documents related to this topic for the timespan indicated by you (01/2008-7/2010) are public and can be downloaded from the public register of Council documents by following this [link](https://www.consilium.europa.eu/register/en/content/out?typ=SET&i=ADV&RESULTSET=1&DOC_TITLE=Europe+2020+Strategy&CONTENTS=&DOC_ID=&DOS_INTERINST=&DOC_SUBJECT=&DOC_SUBTYPE=&DOC_DATE=01%2F01%2F2008%3A31%2F07%2F2010&document_date_from_date=01%2F01%2F2008&document_date_from_date_submit=01%2F01%2F2008&document_date_to_date=31%2F07%2F2010&document_date_to_date_submit=31%2F07%2F2010&MEET_DATE=&meeting_date_from_date=&meeting_date_from_date_submit=&meeting_date_to_date=&meeting_date_to_date_submit=&DOC_LANCD=EN&ROWSPP=25&NRROWS=500&ORDERBY=DOC_DATE+DESC);

- some additional documents have been identified (contributions by EMCO, EPC etc.):

* ST 16196/09 + REV1 + REV2;
* ST 6549/10;
* ST 6576/10;
* ST 7508/10;
* ST 9186/10;
* ST 9233/10;
* ST 9964/10 +ADD1;
* ST 9989/10 +ADD1 +ADD2;
* ST 10030/10; +ADD1;
* ST 10031/10;
* ST 10048/10;
* ST 10249/10;
* ST 10772/10 + REV1;
* ST 10881/10;
* ST 11646/10.

You will find them enclosed.

The General Secretariat carried out a thorough internal research in order to identify documents related to "*all* ***minutes*** *(and other notes) of discussions, …* ***correspondence*** *with…,* ***documents submitted*** *by (representatives of) Business Europe, the Institute of International Finance, the European Roundtable of Industrialists (ERT) and the "Lisbon Council" respective the Europe 2020-Strategy in the timeframe between January 2008 and July 2010*."

Following this research, it did not find any documents corresponding to "*minutes or notes of discussions*" with representatives of the bodies in question. Please note that it is only as far as the Council/European Council or its General Secretariat received and actually hold any documents which have been exchanged with the bodies in question that such documents come under the scope of Regulation 1049/2001.

The necessary consultations concerning the identification and assessment of documents related to "*correspondence with*" and "*documents submitted by*" the indicated bodies are still in progress. You will be notified of a decision as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Paulo VIDAL

 (Enclosures)

1. The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)