Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/3886

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail dated 03/07/2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 10/07/2019 under the above-mentioned reference number.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the following requests:

- all minutes (and other notes) of discussions with (representatives of) BusinessEurope, the Institute of International Finance, the European Roundtable of Industrialists (ERT) and the "LisbonCouncil" respective National productivity boards in the timeframe between January 2015 and July 2017.

- correspondence with (representatives of) BusinessEurope, the Institute of International Finance, the European Roundtable of Industrialists (ERT) and the "LisbonCouncil" respective National productivity boards (Council recommendation 2016/C 349/01) in the timeframe between January 2015 and July 2017.

- documents submitted by (representatives of) BusinessEurope, the Institute of International Finance, the European Roundtable of Industrialists (ERT) and the "LisbonCouncil" respective National productivity boards (Council recommendation 2016/C 349/01) in the timeframe between January 2015 and July 2017.

We enclose the documents corresponding to the following request:

- all documents and protocols of InterService Consultations (CisNet-Documents) related to the National productivity boards (Council recommendation 2016/C 349/01) in the timeframe between January 2015 and July 2017.
all position-papers and Non-Papers related to the National productivity boards (Council recommendation 2016/C 349/01) in the timeframe between January 2015 and July 2017.

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Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled 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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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Enclosure:

- Economic Policy Committee note “Five Presidents reports”
- Economic Policy Committee note “National Competitiveness Councils: the economic rationale”
- Economic Policy Committee note “National Competitiveness Councils: Setup and characteristics”
- Economic Policy Committee note “Tasks and interaction at the national and euro-area level”
- Recommendation for a Council recommendation on the establishment of National Competitiveness Boards within the Euro Area (COM/2015/601 final)
- Draft version of the recommendation for a Council recommendation on the establishment of National Competitiveness Boards within the Euro Area (pre inter-service consultation)