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Subject: Your application for access to documents –GESTDEM 2020/4720

By email: ask+request-8421-0a7e5318@asktheeu.org

Dear Ms Roxburgh,

We refer to your email 4 August 2020, in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 5 August 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to the following:

All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes) relating to the meetings listed below:

- 1. Between the “Conseil de Cooperation Economique” (CCE), and the Cabinet members of Commissioner Kadri Simson Mr Stefano Grassi and Ms Laure Chapuis-Kombos and Commissioner Kadri Simson on 10 July 2020;*
- 2. Between ENGIE and Cabinet member of Commissioner Kadri Simson, Mr Thorsten Vertmann and Commissioner Kadri Simson on 7 July 2020.*

The following documents fall within the scope of your application:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
Ares(2020)707043	04/02/2020	Meeting Request with Commissioner Kadri Simson on 19/03/2020 with ENGIE - pathways to address the climate and environment ambitions.
Ares(2020)3842717	21/07/2020	Briefing CAB SIMSON/203 - Virtual meeting with ENGIE
Ares(2020)7355813	07/07/2020	Minutes of the meeting of Commissioner Kadri Simson with ENGIE representatives - 07 July 2020

Ares(2020)3262941	22/06/2020	CCE Request for confirmation of meeting with Commissioner Kadri Simson on 10 July 2020
Ares(2020)7314009	10/07/2020	Material for videoconference between CCE and Commissioner Kadri Simson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCE Presentation EN • CCE Discussion Paper – Energy System Integration – Final draft - May 2020
Ares(2020)7320138	10/07/2020	Minutes of the videoconference between CCE and Commissioner Kadri Simson on 10 July 2020

With regard to the documents listed above, a complete disclosure of the identified documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;
- handwritten signatures/abbreviated signatures of natural persons;
- other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

Please note that documents originating from third parties are disclosed to you based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, this disclosure is without prejudice to the rules on intellectual property, which may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released documents without the agreement of the originator, who may hold an intellectual property right on them. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility from their reuse.

Minutes or a summary record of a meeting with external parties:

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According to standard operational procedure, the reply is usually also sent to you by registered post. Please note, however, that due to the extraordinary health and security measures currently in force during to the COVID-19 epidemics, which include the requirement for all Commission non-critical staff to telework, we are unfortunately not in a position to follow this procedure until further notice.

We would therefore appreciate if you could confirm receipt of the present email by replying to ENER-UNIT-C1@ec.europa.eu.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit 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
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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