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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2021/2119

Dear Ms DADCI,

We refer to your e-mail dated 07/04/2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

The minutes of the following meetings:

01 Oct 2020 – Meeting between Kadri Simson Stefano Grassi Kitti Nyitrai and Eurogas - Energy System Integration, Hydrogen and low-carbon gases and methane emissions (DG Energy)

26 May 2020 - Meeting between Commissioner Kadri Simson Kitti Nyitrai Stefano Grassi and Hydrogen Europe- Development of European hydrogen markets, the future transport needs and options of hydrogen related infrastructural aspects.

06 Apr 2020 - Meeting between Commissioner Kadri Simson Kitti Nyitrai and Hydrogen Europe- Green hydrogen for decarbonising the economy and the energy system, impact of the current crisis on the hydrogen industry and their role in a Green Recovery

12 Jun 2020 - Meeting between Thor-Sten Vertmann and Business Europe-BusinessEurope's support to GD. COVID19 impact on businesses, investments. BusinessEurope's inputs to energy system integration strategy, 2030 climate target plan, renovation wave. Poss. future cooperation on NECPs and upcoming EC's initiatives.

Your application concerns the following documents:

Ares reference	Date	Title
Ares(2020)2426039	04/06/2020	Minutes Conference call EVP Timmermans & Kadri Simson - Hydrogen Europe
Ares(2020)3776311	26/05/2020	Kadri Simson Roundtable H2 transport
Ares(2020)1696480	01/10/2020	VTC report Roundtable with Eurogas

We are glad to inform you that you can have wide partial access to all documents, subject only to the redaction of personal data.

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Concerning the meeting of 12 June 2020 between Thor-Sten Vertmann and Business Europe please note that this meeting was held as a phone conversation and there are no minutes.

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:

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Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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