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Dear Ms Belen,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2021/3032

We refer to your e-mail dated 6 May 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 7 May 2021 under the above mentioned reference number:

Access to the following:

- 1- all correspondence (including email) between 1st January 2021 and 6th May 2021 between President von der Leyen, Commissioner Simson, Commissioner Timmermans, Commissioner Breton, Commissioner McGuinness, Commissioner Gentiloni and/or their cabinets and/or officials from DG Energy, DG Clima, DG Grow, DG Fisma and Secretariat General on one hand and stakeholders on the other, where EU taxonomy for sustainable activities was addressed.
- 2 list of meetings/videocalls/calls between 1st December 2020 and 6th May 2021 between officials and/or representatives of the European Commission and stakeholders where the issue of EU taxonomy for sustainable activities was addressed.
- 3 minutes of the meetings/videocalls/calls mentioned above.

As regards exchanges involving Commissioner Gentiloni and his Cabinet, we regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Indeed, as specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents have been identified, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Secretary-General
Transparency unit SG-B-4
BERL 5/282
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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