

*By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt*

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Dear Ms Angelova,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/7766**

We refer to your email dated 21 November 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 6 December 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to documents containing the following information:

- *“Is it authorized to present as the candidates for staff committee the members of the same family, present together at the same workplace?”*
- *“Please confirm if the candidates at the right upper corner of the list below are members of the same family, working together : [ELECTIONS BRUSSELS 2021 / FFPE \(ffpe-bxl.eu\)](https://www.ffpe-bxl.eu/)”.*

I consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your initial application, i.e. 21 November 2021.

The following documents fall within the scope of **the first part** of your application:

- Rules laying down the composition and operation of the Staff Committee;
- Rules of Procedure - Brussels Local Staff Committee;
- Procedure for election of the Brussels Local Staff Committee (Electoral Rules).

With regard to **the second part** of your application, having examined your request under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 and Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (hereafter, Data Protection Regulation), I regret to inform you that your request cannot be handled, including the confirmation of the existence of documents falling under the scope of your request or not, and any identification of (a) document(s) covered by your request (if any), is prevented by the Data Protection Regulation.

Information about the existence of documents falling under the scope of your request, formulated in relation to an identified or identifiable natural person, and their identification, if any, constitutes processing of personal data and reveals information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (personal data).

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 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation, your request formulated in relation to an identified, or identifiable, natural person cannot be handled, as the need to obtain access to the personal data resulting from the handling of your request, for a specific 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.

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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission  
Secretariat-General  
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)  
BERL 7/076  
B-1049 Brussels  
or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

Ms Gertrud Ingestad

Director-General

Annexes:

- Rules laying down the composition and operation of the Staff Committee;
- Rules of Procedure - Brussels Local Staff Committee;
- Procedure for election of the Brussels Local Staff Committee (Electoral Rules).