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Brussels, 11 February 2022 LCN/SPR/TT/mch/D(2022)0390 C 2022-0076, 2022-0081, 2022-0093, 2022-0095, 2022-0096 and 2022-0106 Please use edps@edps.europa.eu for all correspondence

Dear Mr Roth,

I am writing with regard to your various access to documents requests submitted to the European Data Protection Supervisor ("EDPS") in January 2022. On 13. 01.2022, 19.01.2022, 23.01.2022 and 24.01.2022 you sent total of six access to documents requests to the EDPS based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, which we registered with case numbers 2022-0076, 2022-0081, 2022-0093, 2022-0095, 2022-0096 and 2022-0106. For all cases, you received acknowledgement of receipt for your request also mentioning the deadline in accordance with Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001.

I would like to note that in dealing with requests for access to documents, the EDPS seeks to treat all requesters fairly and equally. In this effort, we apply the principle of proportionality in order to avoid that the performance of core tasks assigned to the EDPS is jeopardised. Specifically, the EDPS applies a queuing system to a requester who submits one or more additional access to document requests while his/her earlier request is being processed. In this way we guarantee fairness amongst all applicants by ensuring that at least one request per applicant is being dealt with at any point in time. The EDPS queuing system is in line with the European Union Institutions recommended administrative practices¹.

¹ See European Ombudsman Decision 1608/2017/MIG



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The EDPS would like to inform you that it is applying the queuing system to your request. Currently, we have sent you the reply to your request with case number 2022-0076. The next case which we will process is 2022-0106.

Your sincerely,

Leonardo CERVERA NAVAS

Data Protection Notice

According to Articles 15 and 16 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (the Regulation) on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, we are processing your personal data, where proportionate and necessary, for the purpose of answering your request. The legal base for this processing operation is Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 and Article 52(4) of the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. Subject to applicable rules under EU legislation, the personal data relating to you, as provided in your request as well as personal data that might be collected while processing your request, are used solely for the purpose of replying to your request. EDPS staff members dealing with the request will have access to the case file containing your personal data on a need-to-know basis. All access to case files is logged. Your personal data are not disclosed outside the EDPS. Your personal data will be stored electronically for a maximum of ten years after the closure of the case, or as long as the EDPS is under a legal obligation to do so. You have the right to access your personal data held by the EDPS and to relevant information concerning how we use it. You have the right to rectify your personal data. Under certain conditions, you have the right to ask that we delete your personal data or restrict its use. We will consider your request, take a decision and communicate it to you. For more information, please see Articles 14 to 21, 23 and 24 of the Regulation. Please note that in some cases restrictions under Article 25 of the Regulation may apply. Any request to exercise your rights should be addressed to the EDPS at edps@edps.europa.eu. You may contact the data protection officer of the EDPS (EDPS-DPO@edps.europa.eu), if you have any remarks or complaints regarding the way we process your personal data. You have the right to lodge a complaint with the EDPS, as supervisory authority. Any such request should be addressed to the EDPS at edps@edps.europa.eu. You can reach the EDPS in the following ways: E-mail: edps@edps.europa.eu; EDPS postal address: European Data Protection Supervisor, Rue Wiertz 60, B-1047 Brussels, Belgium. For more information, please refer to the extended version of the data protection notice available on the EDPS website: https://edps.europa.eu/data-protection/our-work/publications/other-documents/requestsaccess-documents en.