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Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2022/2074

Dear Mr Parekh,

We refer to your e-mail of 8 April 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 8 April 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to 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 Eurogas and Tatiana Marquez Uriarte, cabinet member of Commissioner Kadri Simson on 6th April 2022.

Your application concerns the following documents:

N.	Stakeholder	Ares	Date	Title
1	Eurogas	Ares(2022)2304967	29/03/2022	ONLINE INVITATION TMU – 06.04.2022
2	Eurogas	none	06/04/2022	Tatiana Marquez Uriarte spoke at the Eurogas online conference: 'Repower-EU. Where should the gas sector be going?'. Her online intervention can be found here: Full recording: 'Eurogas Let's Meet! REPowerEU: Where should the gas sector be going?' – 06/04/2022 - YouTube

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that the document n.1 listed above may be partially disclosed.

In fact, a complete disclosure of the identified document 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 it contains 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.

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 document, 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.

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 to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

by asking for a review via your portal¹ account (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

or by mail:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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¹ <u>https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request</u>