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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref. EASE 2023/0081**

Dear Ms Balanya,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 04/01/2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to

*“1. A list of the meetings/ discussions (including those held face to face, online, by telephone etc) that have taken place since 1 January 2022 between Commissioner Breton, his cabinet and/or officials from DG GROW on one hand and representatives from Dii Desert Energy, the MENA Hydrogen Alliance, Hydrogen Europe, the African Hydrogen Partnership Trade Association (AHP), the Hydrogen Council, Green Hydrogen Organisation (GH2), Shell, Total, Equinor, BP, Eni, Port of Rotterdam, FTI Consulting and/or Royal Vopak, on the other, in which the issue of green hydrogen was discussed (including Hydrogen Partnerships with third countries).*

*2. Any records, minutes or notes of these meetings/discussions.*

*3. Any briefings prepared for these meetings.*

*4. All correspondence exchanged since 1 January 2022 (including SMS & any other type of messages processed through phone apps - eg., WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram etc, recorded voice messages, emails, letters and attached documents) between Commissioner Breton, his cabinet and/or officials from DG GROW on one hand and/or industry associations Dii Desert Energy, the MENA Hydrogen Alliance, Hydrogen Europe, the African Hydrogen Partnership Trade Association (AHP), Green Hydrogen Organisation (GH2), Shell, Total, Equinor, BP, Eni, Port of Rotterdam, Hydrogen*

*Council, FTI Consulting and/or Royal Vopak, (including lobby consultancies and law firms working for them) on the other.”*

We regret to inform you that the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 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, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by DG GROW, DG GROW is not in a position to fulfil your request.

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 portal<sup>1</sup> 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  
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**or by email to:** [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

*Electronically signed*

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Director-General

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