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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref. GestDem 2016/3649

Dear Madam,

We refer to your request for access to documents of 29 June 2016, registered on 30 June 2016 under the above mentioned reference number.

In your application you request access to the following information / documents:

1. *A list of, or copies of, all invitations received to attend, or speak at, an event organised by a third party, as received by Vice-President Šefčovič since 1 November 2014.*
2. *A full list of all external speaking engagements made by Vice-President Šefčovič since 1 November 2014. This list should include the date and venue of the event, the host(s) and organiser(s) of the event, and the topics discussed.*

Your application concerns the following documents:

1. Invitations:

Please find in the Annex to this note a list and the corresponding documents with all the invitations received by Vice-President Šefčovič from 1 April 2016 to 31 June 2016. The reduced timeframe was agreed with you on 1 August 2016 as fair solution.

2. External speaking engagements:

The requested information is published on the following websites:

- Agenda of Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič on the website of the European Commission:

http://ec.europa.eu/commission/2014-2019/agenda_en

Some of the documents disclosed under point 1 to which you have requested access contain personal data. Pursuant to Article 4(1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to a document has to be refused if its disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data.

The applicable legislation in this field is Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data¹.

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable².

According to Article 8(b) of this Regulation, personal data shall only be transferred to recipients if they establish the necessity of having the data transferred to them and if there is no reason to assume that the legitimate rights of the persons concerned might be prejudiced.

We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and/or that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing the documents requested expunged from this personal data.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the expunged data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the rules of personal data protection, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, 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
Secretary-General
Transparency unit SG-B-4
BERL 5/282
B-1049 Bruxelles
or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,



Peter Handley

¹ Official Journal L 8 of 12.1.2001, p. 1

² Judgment of the Court of Justice of the EU of 29 June 2010 in case 28/08 P, Commission/The Bavarian Lager Co. Ltd, ECR 2010 I-06055.