

From: ECFIN ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS
To:
Subject: RE: access to information request - Commissioner Rehn and his staff and private sector lobbies

Dear M

Thank you for your letter of 20 February applying for a list of documents in accordance with Regulation (EC) N° 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents. Your application will be dealt with as quickly as possible. However, in view of the number of documents applied for, we have to extend the prescribed period before you receive a reply. We apologize for this delay.
Yours sincerely,

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2012 9:27 PM
To: ECFIN ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS
Subject: access to information request - Commissioner Rehn and his staff and private sector lobbies

Dear Economic and Financial Affairs (ECFIN),

Under the right of access to documents in the EU treaties, as developed in Regulation 1049/2001, I am requesting documents which contain the following information:

all correspondence and minutes of meetings between European Commissioner Olli Rehn, his cabinet and DG ECFIN staff - and private sector companies and lobby groups since January 1st 2011. This should include meetings that took place in the context of the 'Troika' of which the European Commission is part (together with the IMF and the ECB) on issues related to Greece, Portugal and Ireland.

Yours faithfully,

This is a request for access to information under Article 15 of the TFEU and, where applicable, Regulation 1049/2001 which has been sent via the AsktheEU.org website.

Please kindly use this email address for all replies to this request:

If ecfin-access-to-documents@ec.europa.eu is the wrong address for information requests to Economic and Financial Affairs (ECFIN), please tell the AsktheEU.org team on email team@asktheEU.org

This message and all replies from Economic and Financial Affairs (ECFIN) will be published on the AsktheEU.org website. For more information see our dedicated page for EU public officials at <http://www.asktheeu.org/en/help/officers>

To: ()
Subject: access to information request - Commissioner Rehn and his staff and private sector lobbies

Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents about private sector lobbies

We refer to your e-mail dated 20/02/2012 in which you make a request for access to documents.

Your application concerns a very large number of documents, which need to be assessed individually. Such a detailed analysis cannot be carried out within the normal time limits set out in Article 7 of Regulation 1049/2001. However, the Regulation also provides for a possibility to confer with applicants in order to find a fair solution when an application concerns a very large number of documents. Article 6(3) provides that "in the event of an application relating to a very long document or to very large number of documents, the institution concerned may confer with the applicant informally, with a view to finding a fair solution".

Based on this provision, we would kindly ask you whether you could narrow down the scope of your request or be more specific on the files you are interested in, so as to reduce it to a more manageable amount of documents.

Yours faithfully,

Christophe Houyoux



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DIRECTORATE GENERAL
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The Director General

Brussels,

DG ECFIN

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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2012/1502

We refer to your e-mail dated 20/02/2012 in which you make a request for access to documents.

Your application concerns the following documents:

- All correspondence and minutes of meetings between European Commissioner Olli Rehn, his cabinet and DG ECFIN staff and private sector companies and lobby groups since January 1st 2011 (including meetings that took place in the context of the 'Troika' of which the European Commission is part (together with the IMF and the ECB) on issues related to Greece, Portugal and Ireland.

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 they may be partially disclosed. Some parts of the documents have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by exceptions to the right of access laid down in Article 4 of this Regulation.

The expunged parts of the documents contain commercially sensitive information. Disclosure of these parts would undermine the protection of commercial interests of a natural or legal person.

Annexes: 2

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 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
Secretary-General
Transparency Unit SG-B-5
BERL 5/327
B-1049 Brussel

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

No documents related to Greece and Portugal involving DG ECFIN staff corresponding to your request were found.

Documents from VP Olli Rehn and his Cabinet will follow under reference Gestdem 2012/2465.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Buti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marco Buti