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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2021/0598

Dear Mr Rinaldi,

We refer to your e-mail dated 5 February 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 8 February 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to the following documents *“for the period between 1 January 2019 to date”*:

- i) *A list of all lobby and industry meetings and/or calls held by the Directorate-General for Climate Action, including any Cabinet Members and/or officials, during which “deep-sea mining” and/or “seabed mining” and/or “marine minerals” were discussed.*
- ii) *The list should include: date, individuals attending and organisational affiliation, as well as the issues discussed;*
- iii) *All minutes and other reports of these meetings and/or calls;*
- iv) *All documents prepared for the purpose of the meetings and/or exchanged during the course of the meetings.*
- v) *All correspondence, including attachments (i.e. any emails, mail correspondence or telephone call notes) between the Directorate-General for Climate Action, including any Cabinet Members and/or officials, and any lobby group and/or industry representative discussing “deep-sea mining” and/or “seabed mining” and/or “marine minerals”*

Your application concerns the following documents:

	Author	Date	Reference
1	BirdLife	08/06/2020	Ares(2020)2973558
2	BirdLife	08/06/2020	Ares(2020)2973558
3	Ourfish	2/07/2020	Ares(2020)3034728
4	Ourfish	1/07/2020	Ares(2020)3512798
5	Ourfish	1/07/2020	Ares(2020)3512798
6	Ourfish	1/07/2020	Ares(2020)3512798
7	Ourfish	1/07/2020	Ares(2020)3512798
8	IT Perm Rep	25/09/2020	Ares(2020)5070629
9	HR, CY, FR, EL, IT, MT, PT, SI, ES Perm Rep	25/09/2020	Ares(2020)5070629
10	European Commission / IT Perm Rep	30/09/2020	Ares(2020)5137681

Following an examination of these documents under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents and taking into account the opinion of the third party, I regret to inform you that a complete disclosure of the documents 1, 3, 4, 8 and 10 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 they contain: names and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management; names and contact details of other natural persons and other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

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 documents 1, 3, 4, 8 and 10, 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.

Please note that the list of meetings of the Executive Vice-President Timmermans, his Cabinet and the meetings of the Director-General of DG CLIMA with organisations and self-employed individuals are available in the links enclosed below:

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyinitiative/meetings/meeting.do?host=d41e42be-7ff1-4635-bb4f-e47d38f886ed>

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyinitiative/meetings/meeting.do?host=f1afd532-0d40-4dcd-8e45-667b57075377>

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyinitiative/meetings/meeting.do?host=ec1ecb7e-2615-44eb-895b-6b08637c2a0d>

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit 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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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