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Subject: Your application for public access to documents – GestDem Ref No 2021/6077

Dear Mrs. Indiano,

We refer to your letter dated 11 October in which you submitted an application for access to documents within the framework of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001¹.

1. SCOPE OF YOUR REQUEST

Following your clarifications of 17 and 18 October, your request concerned, “*for the period between 1 October 2017 to date:*

- *a list of the meeting and/or calls between European Battery Alliance and the [Commissioner and the team assisting him/her], during which “hydrogen vehicles” and/or “electric vehicles” and/or “batteries” and/or “hydrogen” were discussed [including] date, individuals attending and organisational affiliation, as well as the issues discussed;*
- *all minutes and other reports of these meetings and/or calls;*
- *all documents prepared for the purpose of the meetings issued both in preparation and after the meetings took place.*

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43), hereinafter referred to as ‘Regulation (EC) 1049/2001’.

- all correspondence, including attachments (i.e. any emails, mail correspondence or telephone call notes) between the [Commissioner and the team assisting him/her], and any lobby group and/or industry representative discussing “hydrogen vehicles” and/or “electric vehicles ” and/or “batteries” and/or “hydrogen”.

NO DOCUMENTS HELD

We regret to inform you that we could not find any document corresponding to the description given in your application.

We have tried to find the document(s) you requested both within the Historical Archives of the Commission and the agenda of the current Cabinet from the beginning of its mandate, but we were not able to identify anything corresponding to the description you provided. Therefore, we are not a position to handle your request.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that Regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution. Given that we could not retrieve any document corresponding to the description given in your application, we are not in a position to handle your request.

2. MEANS OF REDRESS

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) 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

Unit SG C.1 – Transparency, document management & access to documents

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Yours sincerely,

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