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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/6341

Dear Mr Völker,

We refer to your e-mail of 22 October 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 25 October 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

“- list of all meetings held by DG GROW with external stakeholders related directly or indirectly to industry alliances (European Clean Hydrogen Alliance, European Battery Alliance, Circular Plastics Alliance, European Raw Materials Alliance, CRM Alliance, etc.) from 8-2021 until today;

- all documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts and recordings), as well as the meeting minutes or notes relating to the following meetings in which DG GROW participated: EU Clean Hydrogen Alliance meetings with NGOs 15.1.2021, 22.4.2021, 3.6.2021, EU Raw Materials Alliance meetings 6.10.2020 (Sectoral Dialogue on extractive industries), 5.11.2020 (Finnish Minerals Group), 27.11.2020 (CRM Alliance), 14.12.2020 (Rio Tinto), 6.5.2021 (ERMA representatives), 21.4.2021, 3.5.2021, 5.5.2021, 17.5.2021, 23.6.2021, 9.7.2021, 14.7.2021 (EIT Raw Materials)”.

I. List of meetings identified:

With reference to the request for information concerning the list of meeting, please see Annex 1 to this letter.

II. Documents identified:

With regard to your request for documents concerning the meetings of 5.5.2021, 9.7.2021, and 14.7.2021 (EIT Raw Materials), please note that the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) does not hold any documents related to this part of the request.

With regard to the meeting 6.10.2020 (*Sectoral Dialogue on extractive industries*), please note that the minutes are available online at the following link: <https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/0a0b6df5-b5ea-44c0-9f5b-ac5878491baa/Extrac-Ind-20201006-PL-min.pdf>.

Furthermore, we have identified 12 documents matching the scope of your request and presented in the enclosed table.

A complete disclosure of the identified documents, except for document 6, 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 the following personal data:

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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 requested documents, 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.

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Please note that the minutes were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant services of DG GROW. They solely reflect the services' interpretation of the interventions made and do not set out any official position of the third parties to which the documents refer, which were not consulted on their contents. They do not reflect the position of the Commission or DG GROW and cannot be quoted as such.

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'
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B-1049 Brussels,
or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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Director-General

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Annex 1.

I. List of meetings:

European Clean Hydrogen Alliance

Date	External Stakeholder
08.09.2021	NGO members of European Clean Hydrogen Alliance
23.09.2021	Ballard
24.09.2021	RWE
28.09.2021	ENTSOG
06.10.2021	NGO members of European Clean Hydrogen Alliance
18.10.2021	EIT InnoEnergy
20.10.2021	ArcelorMittal
21.10.2021	Uniper

Circular Plastics Alliance

Date	External Stakeholder
26.08.2021	FR Ministry of Economy
13.09.2021	CEN: CEN/TC 249 Working Group
21.09.2021	PlasticsEurope
24.09.2021	Members of CPA Steering Committee
13.10.2021	FR Ministry of the Environment
20.10.2021	FR Ministry of the Environment

European Raw Materials Alliance

Date	External Stakeholder
17.09.2021	Meeting with Grundfos on Cluster 1 Action Plan (Grundfos is cluster leader)
18.10.2021	EIP Raw Materials Sherpa meeting

Meetings with CRM Alliance

Date	External Stakeholder
27.11.2020	Meeting with CRM Alliance

European Battery Alliance

There were no meeting matching the scope of the request.