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Subject: Your applications for access to documents – Case 2022/7437

Dear Lora Verheecke,

We refer to your email of 23 December 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents pursuant to 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 (hereinafter ‘Regulation 1049/2001’), registered on 30 December 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

By your application, you request access to:

All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts and recordings) AND the meeting minutes/notes relating to the meeting between Anthony Whelan and Amazon Europe on 9th December 2022.

We have identified the following documents responsive to your request:

1. *Ares(2022)8662105 Report - meeting with Magnus Norman 9.12.2022 - New Internal Market Report_Redacted*
2. *Ares(2022)8710413 11-recommendations-of-the-swedish-eu-presidency-to-reboot-the-single-market*
3. *Ares(2022)8710413 Meeting request + thanks_Redacted*
4. *Making EU Trade in Services Work for All*

With regard to documents 1 and 3 identified, a complete disclosure 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:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other institutions or natural persons.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation (Regulation 2018/1725) 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 neither express any particular interest to have access to these personal data, nor put forward 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.

Furthermore, document 1 was drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant services of the European Commission. It solely reflects the author's interpretation of the interventions made and does not set out any official position of the third parties to which the documents refer, which were not consulted on its content. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

Due to security restrictions of document 2, it cannot be attached to this reply. Instead, you will be able to find it through this link: [11 recommendations of the Swedish EU Presidency to reboot the Single Market \(implementconsultinggroup.com\)](https://implementconsultinggroup.com/11-recommendations-of-the-swedish-eu-presidency-to-reboot-the-single-market) ⁽¹⁾. Furthermore, please note that documents 2 and 4 originating from third parties are disclosed to you based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, this disclosure is without prejudice to the rules on intellectual property, which may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released documents without the agreement of the originator, who may hold an intellectual property right on them. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility from their reuse.

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

⁽¹⁾ <https://implementconsultinggroup.com/media/11214/11-recommendations-of-the-swedish-eu-presidency-to-reboot-the-single-market.pdf>

Yours sincerely,

Elisa Roller
Director

Enclosure: disclosed documents