



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
SECRETARIAT-GENERAL

Directorate G - External Relations  
**The Director**

Brussels  
SG.G.1/FS/LM

Dear Ms Gullery,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents 2023/1417**

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 27/02/2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Services, to which parts of your request have been attributed<sup>1</sup>. This reply relates only to the documents held by the Secretariat-General for 2023/1417 (point 1). You have/will receive(d) the replies from the other respective Services in due course.

You request access to:

*All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes) relating to the meeting listed below:*

- 1. Between the American Chamber of Commerce to the EU (AmCham EU) and Cabinet member of Ursula von der Leyen, Tomas Baert, on 03/02/23*
- 2. Between AmCham EU and Cabinet member of Ursula von der Leyen, Kurt Vandenberghe, on 26/01/21*
- 3. Between Manufacture Française des Pneumatiques Michelin and Cabinet member of Ursula von der Leyen, Florentine Hopmeier, on 16/09/22*

The Commission has identified the following documents as falling within the scope of your request :

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<sup>1</sup> 2023/1329 SG D2; 2023/1330 SG Recover

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A complete disclosure of the identified documents 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 details of other natural persons;

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 particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you 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.

These documents were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the Cabinet of the President. It solely reflects the Cabinet's interpretation of the interventions made and does not set out any official position of the third party to which the document refers, which was not consulted on its content. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

**by asking for a review via your portal<sup>2</sup> account** (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

**or by mail:**

European Commission  
Secretariat-General  
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)  
BERL 7/076  
B-1049 Bruxelles  
**or by email to:** [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>

Michael KARNITSCHNIG  
Electronically signed

Enclosure: Ares(2023)920817 Minutes of meeting T. Baert and AmCham 03022023