Subject: Your application for access to documents (EASE 2024/3527)

Dear Sir,

We refer to your request registered on 3 July 2024 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 (EC) No 1049/2001’), under the above-mentioned reference number.

In your application, you requested access to documents relating to a meeting that took place in Brussels on 16 December 2020 between Daniel Braun, Cabinet member of Věra Jourová, and Google. In particular, you requested access to all documents related to that meeting, including but not limited to correspondence, emails, minutes, notes (handwritten or electronic), audio or video recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, and presentations.

Identified documents

We enclose a copy of the document that fall under the scope of your request:


Examination of documents

In accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, this document may be partially disclosed. Redactions have been made for the following reason:

Redactions on the ground of protecting the privacy and integrity of the individual (Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001)

Full 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 this document contains personal data. Article 9(1)(b) of the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies 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 show that you need have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest. Consequently, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested document, as the need to obtain access to that personal data for a purpose in the public interest has not been sufficiently 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.
Final remarks

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 within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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

Yours faithfully,

Elisa ROLLER
Director

Annex: 1 document