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|  | Brussels, 14 August 2019 |
| Mr Felix Syrovatka  Email: ask+request-7038-f6b3c294@asktheeu.org | |
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| Dear Mr Syrovatka, | |

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union.[[1]](#footnote-1)

We identified the following documents as related to the "*National Productivity Boards*" (NPB) in the timespan January 2015 - July 2017:

- ST 13348/15;

- ST 14025/15;

- ST 10083/16;

- ST 10252/16;

- ST 11956/16;

- ST 12330/16;

Please find them attached.

You may also be interested in some other documents matching your request and the indicated timespan, which you can find on the Council's Public Register under the following [link](https://www.consilium.europa.eu/register/en/content/out?typ=SET&i=ADV&RESULTSET=1&DOC_TITLE=&CONTENTS=%22National+Productivity+Boards%22&DOC_ID=&DOS_INTERINST=&DOC_SUBJECT=&DOC_SUBTYPE=&DOC_DATE=01%2F01%2F2015%3A31%2F07%2F2017&document_date_from_date=01%2F01%2F2015&document_date_from_date_submit=01%2F01%2F2015&document_date_to_date=31%2F07%2F2017&document_date_to_date_submit=31%2F07%2F2017&MEET_DATE=&meeting_date_from_date=&meeting_date_from_date_submit=&meeting_date_to_date=&meeting_date_to_date_submit=&DOC_LANCD=EN&ROWSPP=25&NRROWS=500&ORDERBY=DOC_DATE+DESC).

The General Secretariat carried out a thorough internal research in order to identify documents related to "*all* ***minutes*** *(and other notes) of discussions, …* ***correspondence*** *with…,* ***documents submitted*** *by (representatives of) Business Europe, the Institute of International Finance, European Roundtable of Industrialists (ERT) and the "Lisbon Council"* related to the abovementioned topic and timespan.

Following this research, it did not find any documents corresponding to "*minutes or notes of discussions*" with representatives of the bodies in question. Please note that it is only as far as the Council / European Council or its General Secretariat received and actually hold any documents which have been exchanged with the bodies in question that such documents come under the scope of Regulation (EC) no 1049/2001.

The General Secretariat is still conducting the necessary consultations for the identification and assessment of documents concerning "***correspondence*** *with…,* ***documents submitted*** *by*" the bodies in question in relation to the topic of NPB. You will be notified of a decision as soon as possible.

We apologize for the delay in replying to your request.

Yours sincerely,

Paulo VIDAL

(Enclosures)

1. The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)