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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/7572

Dear Mr Syrovatka,

I refer to your e-mail of 5 December 2020, registered on 7 December 2020, in which you make a request for access to documents, under the above-mentioned reference number.

1. SCOPE OF YOUR REQUEST

You request access to, I quote:

‘In your answer to Martin Konency’s question (Gestdem 2013-1499) you have attached the agenda of the meeting. In it you can see that under the agenda item “Creating Flexible Labour Markets and Responsive Education Systems” a presentation was given by Jim Snabe (Co-CEO SAP). Do records, documents, transcripts of the presentation or the slides of the presentation exist? If so, I would ask you to send me the documents so that I can process them in the context of my dissertation.’

2. ASSESSMENT AND CONCLUSIONS UNDER REGULATION (EC) No 1049/2001

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 provides, in particular, that '[t]his Regulation shall apply to all documents held by an institution, that is to say, documents drawn up or received by it and in its possession, in all areas of activity of the European Union'.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

Please note that the European Round Table meeting on 18 March 2018 you refer to in your initial request had been organised as a 'High-level dinner' according to the agenda of the meeting. Such format of the meeting suggests that the presentations had been delivered verbally, without any visual aid used by the speaker. This was probably the reason why the so-called 'scoping paper', which is part of the Annex of the document disclosed at the request of Mr Konecny, had been circulated to the participants before the meeting took place. In addition, it is also very probable that in a dinner format meeting, participants were not in the position to take notes. The fact that the presentations were intended to be brief in order to save time for the demonstration of case studies and allow discussion between the participants provides further support to the conclusion that no written records had been created in relation to the above-mentioned point of the agenda.

3. MEANS OF REDRESS

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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours sincerely,

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