

The Director-General

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REGISTERED LETTER WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

Subject: Your application for access to documents - Ref GestDem 2021/0032

Dear Ms Verheecke,

We refer to your email dated 24 December 2020 wherein 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 4 January 2021 under the abovementioned reference number.

1. SCOPE OF YOUR APPLICATION

By your application to the Directorate - General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) which was attributed to the Directorate - General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT), you requested:

'documents which contain the following information:

All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes) relating to the meeting between Thierry Breton and Publicis consultants on 13th October 2020''.

2. DOCUMENTS FALLING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE REQUEST

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 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

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.

3. CONFIRMATORY APPLICATION

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:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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Yours sincerely,

(e-Signed) Roberto Viola