

## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR FINANCIAL STABILITY, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND CAPITAL MARKETS UNION

The Director-General

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Mr Marcio Diogo da Silva Augusto 6/4 Silvermills Edinburgh EH3 5BF United Kingdom

Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/2001

We refer to your e-mail of 31 March 2021 registered on the same date under the above-mentioned reference number, in which you make a request for access to documents.

Your request is as follows:

"Under the right of access to documents in the EU treaties, as developed in Regulation 1049/2001, I am requesting documents which contain the following information:

- list of people attending the 21/03/2016 meeting between Jan Ceyssens and BusinessEurope;
- 2. Minutes and other documents indicative of what discussed at the meeting
- 3. And documents that may have been produced by said meeting."

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. We have carried out a search in the historical archives of the former cabinet but despite our efforts, we could not find any documents corresponding to your request.

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.

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. 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) BERL 7/076 B-1049 Brussels or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

John BERRIGAN