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**Subject:** Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/3222

Dear Ms Roxburgh,

We refer to your email of 12 May 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 17 May 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in replying to your request, due to the exceptional workload related to the 'Delivering the European Green Deal' legislative package.

You request access to:

All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes) related to the meeting between BusinessEurope and cabinet of Commissioner Kadri Simson on the 12th May 2021.

Your application concerns the following documents:

Ares reference	Date	Title
Ares(2021)2960764	04/05/2021	[VTC] INVITATION LC 12/05 - Guest Speaker @ BusinessEurope Energy and Climate Working Group

Please note that this event was not a meeting but a working group organized by BusinessEurope. Laure Chapuis was invited as speaker, amongst other attendees. Cabinet Simson doesn't hold any minutes or speech related to this working group.

I am glad to inform you that you can have wide partial access to all documents, subject only to the redaction of personal data. Please find enclosed redacted copies of these documents.

A complete disclosure of these documents 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 it contains the following personal data:

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- the names and contact details of other natural persons.

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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 Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents (SG.C.1) BERL 7/076 B-1049 Brussels

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

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