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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2021/4562

Dear Ms Cicculli,

We refer to your e-mail dated 17 August 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered 20 August 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to *“for the period between 1 January 2017 to date:”*

- i. *a list of all lobby and industry meetings and/or calls held by the Directorate-General for Climate Action, including any Cabinet Members and/or officials, during which “PFAS” and/or “C604” and/or “PFOA” and/or “GenX” were discussed. The list should include: date, individuals attending and organisational affiliation, as well as the issues discussed;*
- ii. *all minutes and other reports of these meetings and/or calls;*
- iii. *all documents prepared for the purpose of the meetings issued both in preparation and after the meetings took place.*
- iv. *all correspondence, including attachments (i.e. any emails, mail correspondence or telephone call notes) between the Directorate-General for Climate Action, including any Cabinet Members and/or officials, and any lobby group and/or industry representative discussing “PFAS” and/or “C604” and/or “PFOA” and/or “GenX”.*

We identified the following documents within the scope of your application:

	Author	Date	Reference
1	Health & Environment Alliance	2 June 2021	Ares(2021)3629387
2	Health & Environment Alliance	2 June 2021	Ares(2021)3629387

3	European Commission	30 July 2021	Ares(2021)4869840
4	Vewin	21 April 2021	Ares(2021)2671485
5	Vewin	21 April 2021	Ares(2021)2671485
6	Vewin/European Commission	20 May 2021	Ares(2021)3378369
7	Hydrogen Europe	3 August 2020	Ares(2020)4211120
8	Hydrogen Europe	3 August 2020	Ares(2020)4211120
9	European Commission	1 December 2020	Ares(2020)7236609
10	European Commission	1 December 2020	Ares(2020)7236609
11	EPEE	1 April 2021	Ares(2021)2373155
12	EPEE	1 April 2021	Ares(2021)2373155
13	Arkema/European Commission	6 April 2021	Ares(2021)2354853
14	European Commission	23 April 2021	Ares(2021)5444261
15	Siemens/European Commission	24 March 2021	Ares(2021)2194130
16	Albergeiger	17 January 2020	Ares(2020)376428
17	European Commission	29 January 2020	Ares(2020)545263
18	Refrigerants, Naturally	5 May 2021	Ares(2021)3106169
19	Refrigerants, Naturally	5 May 2021	Ares(2021)3106169
20	3M/European Commission	15 March 2021	Ares(2021)1856913
21	Siemens/European Commission	13 August 2021	Ares(2021)5398753

Following an examination of the documents under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, I regret to inform you that a complete disclosure of the documents 1-11, 13-18, 20 and 21 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 they contains: names and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management; names and contact details of other natural persons and other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural persons.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, we conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the above-mentioned documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit 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'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

Luca De Carli

Head of Unit