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Dear Ms Schenk,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2024/5405

I refer to your message of 10 October 2024 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the reference numbers above. On 29 October 2024 we informed you that we were not able to respond to your request within the initial deadline and we extended the deadline for reply until 22 November 2024. With apologies for the further delay, see below our reply to your request.

You request access to all documents, including but not limited to correspondence, emails, minutes, notes (hand written or electronic), audio or video recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, and presentations, related to the meeting on 25 October 2023 between Wojtek Talko, Daniel Braun and Google.

We have identified the following document as falling within the scope of your application:

- *Briefing for a meeting with YouTube – Ares (2024) 8510845*

Having examined the document requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, we have come to the conclusion that this document may be partially disclosed. A complete disclosure of the identified document is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individuals outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data:

- The names/initials and contact details of natural persons;
- Other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person, such as their position in the company or the dates and places of their educational and professional path.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of this 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 this personal data nor do you put forward arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access is not granted to the personal data contained in the requested 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.

If you 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,

William Sleath

Enclosures:

1. *Ares (2024) 8510845* - redacted