Ref. Ares(2025)10206056 - 24/11/2025

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR ENERGY

Directorate C – Green Transition and Energy System Integration
The Director

Brussels,
ENER/C2/EP/svh(2025)12061186

Mr Alessandro Runci

Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2025/4972

Dear Mr Runci,

I refer to your request of 30 September 2025, registered on the same day, under the above-mentioned case number, in which you make a request for access to documents.

A. Scope of request:

You requested access to:

- All documents related to meetings between DG Energy and third-parties during which the topic of the EU Methane Regulation was mentioned or discussed. By third-parties, I refer to stakeholders that are not part of the European Commission (e.g. private companies, consultancies, trade groups, think-tanks, etc.). I am interested in correspondence from May 2025 onwards.

Your application concerns the following documents:

1	Ares(2025)8295010	Meeting Shell with Director C. Lobillo Borrero, 3.7.2025
2	Ares(2025)8177859	Meeting: Maciej Ciszewski - EUROGAS, 22/09/2025
3	Ares(2025)8294689	Meeting BP with Director C. Lobillo Borrero, 13.5.2025
4	Ares(2025)6712483	MINUTES - Eurogas 05.06.2025
5	Ares(2025)5944796	Meeting Minutes LK - BDEW - 16.07.25 - Brussels
6	Ares(2025)4979447	MINUTES - Engie 05.06.2025
7	Ares(2025)10061176	[Re] Meeting Request LK - BDEW - 16.07.25 - Brussels
8	Ares(2025)8294856	Meeting International Association of Oil and Gas Producers Europe (IOGP) with Director C. Lobillo Borrero, 13.5.2025

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9	https://ec.europa.eu/transparencyinitiative/meetings/meeting.do?host=61569260-525e-42f8-aa52-51d7bfc30d4f&page=8	Meetings held by the Directorate-General for Energy with Cheniere
10	https://ec.europa.eu/transparencyinitiative/meetings/meeting.do?host=61569260-525e-42f8-aa52-51d7bfc30d4f&page=7	DJJ meets Shell - 10.09.2025
11	https://ec.europa.eu/transparencyinitiative/meetings/meeting.do?host=61569260-525e-42f8-aa52-51d7bfc30d4f&page=14	DJJ Eurogas - 09.09.2025
12	Ares(2025)8294627	Meeting BDEW with Director C. Lobillo Borrero, 16.7.2025
13	Ares(2025)10058628	Re: Catch up - methane emissions regulation

With regard to the above-mentioned document 7 and 13, a complete disclosure 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 contain the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;

- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation[1] 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) 1049/2001, access cannot be 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

[1] Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC, OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39.

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 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours sincerely,

Lukasz KOLINSKI

Electronically signed on 24/11/2025 13:32 (UTC+01) in accordance with Article 11 of Commission Decision (EU) 2021/2121