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**Subject: Your application for access to documents 2022/7198**

Dear Ms Verheecke,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 12.12.2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to *all documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts and recordings) AND the meeting minutes/notes relating to the meeting between Frans Timmermans and Veolia on 11th October 2022.*

Your application concerns the following documents:

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Reference</b>
1	Official meeting request from Veolia to meet Timmermans_Redacted	05.09.2022	Ares(2022)6137200
2	Meeting EVP & Veolia_report_Redacted	20.10.2022	Ares(2022)7275626
3	Barometer of the ecological transformation Veolia_report_Redacted	25.11.2022	Ares(2022)8172478

With regard to the document listed above, a complete disclosure of the identified 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 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, contact details and detailed description of positions of other 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, I 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 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.

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 to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

**by asking for a review via your portal<sup>1</sup> account** (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

**or by mail:**

European Commission  
Secretariat-General  
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)  
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**or by email to:** [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

*Electronically signed*  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>