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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/7851

Dear Ms Roxburgh,

We refer to your e-mail of 6 December 2021, registered on 7 December 2021, in which you make a request for access to documents under the above-mentioned reference number and to your email of 5 January 2022 clarifying your request.

You request access to: *“All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes) relating to the meetings listed below:*

- 1. Between CEMBUREAU and Joan Canton, Cabinet member of Thierry Breton on the 28th September 2021*
- 2. Between CEMBUREAU and Joan Canton, Cabinet member of Thierry Breton and Thierry Breton on the 24th March 2021*
- 3. Between CEMBUREAU and Gaelle Garnier Cabinet member of Thierry Breton and Thierry Breton on the 20th April 2020*
- 4. Between CEMBUREAU and Alienor Margerit, Cabinet member of Paolo Gentiloni on the 8th December 2020”.*

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to other Directorates-General¹. This reply relates only to the documents held by the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW). You received /will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

We regret to inform you that DG GROW does not hold any documents that would correspond to the scope of point 2 of your request.

¹ GESTDEM 2021/7852 – DG ECFIN for point 4 of your request.

We have identified 3 enclosed documents that fall within the scope of points 1 and 3 of your request.

A complete disclosure of Documents 1 and 3 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 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;
- other information relating to 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 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.

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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 faithfully,

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Director-General
e-signed

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