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Subject: Your application for access to documents EASE 2025/1574

Dear Mr Hurtado,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 19 March 2025 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

“All documents related to the meeting held on 13 February 2025 in Brussels regarding the challenges that the European Steel sector faces.

The meeting was attended by:

- *Miguel Jose Garcia Jones (Cabinet member, Cabinet of Commissioner Wopke Hoekstra)*
- *Representatives from Eurofer*

- *All correspondence (emails, letters, memos) exchanged between the European Commission (including Commissioner Hoekstra’s Cabinet) and Eurofer regarding the meeting, before and after the event.*
- *Preparatory documents, including briefing notes, agendas, talking points, or background reports prepared for the meeting.*
- *Presentations (slides, reports, documents) shared during or related to the meeting.*
- *Meeting notes and minutes, including any conclusions or follow-up actions.*
- *A list of all participants, specifying their roles and affiliations.*
- *A summary of the topics discussed, covering key challenges, proposed solutions, and any agreements or policy commitments made.”*

Your application concerns the following documents:

Title	Registration	Reference
1. Email_ EUROFER meeting request Commissioner Hoeekstra and European Steel companies_18.12.24_Redacted	22/01/2025	Ares(2025)510789
2. EUROFER letter to Commissioner Hoekstra_18_12_24_Redacted	27/12/2024	Ares(2024)9255962

Please, note that you can find the minutes of the meeting held on 13.2.2025 at the following link [Meetings with interest representatives](#) .

With regard to the documents 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 names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management, and names/initials and contact details 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.

Please note that the documents originating from third parties are disclosed to you based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, this disclosure is without prejudice to the rules on intellectual property, which may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released documents without the agreement of the originator, who may hold an intellectual property right on them. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility from their reuse.

The minutes were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant service of the Cabinet of Commissioner Hoekstra. They solely reflect the service's interpretation of the interventions made and does not set out any official position of the third party to which the documents refer, which was not consulted on its content. They do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

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:

by mail to:

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or **by email** to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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