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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref. EASE 2023/6808

Dear Ms Verheecke,

We refer to your request for access to documents of 14/11/2023, registered on the same day 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 meetings between Kerstin Jorna and CEFIC on 12th and 25th October 2023.”*

Concerning the first meeting on 12th October 2023, we regret to inform you that the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

We have identified the enclosed 3 documents that fall within the scope of the rest of your request, concerning the meeting on 25th October 2023.

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 personal data:

- the names/initials, contact information and functions of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management.
- the names/initials, contact details and functions 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 minutes were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant service of the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW). They solely reflect the service's interpretation of the interventions made and do not set out any official position of the third parties to which the document refers, which were not consulted on the content. They do not reflect the position of DG GROW and cannot be quoted as such.

Please note that 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 originators, who may hold an intellectual property right on them. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility from their reuse.

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 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 ⁽¹⁾ 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

Yours faithfully,

Kerstin Jorna
Director-General
e-signed

Enclosures: 3

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>