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Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2023/0442

Dear Ms Fontaine,

We refer to your e-mail of 24 January 2023 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 24 January 2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to *documents which contain the following information:*

- 1. Meeting online between Peeter Kadarik with the ONG Eesti Erametsaliit on the 10/06/2022, discussing "EU policies influencing Estonian forest and timber industry"*
- 2. Meeting online between Peeter Kadarik with the ONG Eesti Töandjate Keskliit on the 12/04/2021 discussing "Questions concerning biomass and sustainability. Renewable Energy directive (RED II)."*
- 3. Meeting online between Peeter Kadarik and Sihtasutus Eestimaa Looduse Fond on the 15/03/2021 discussing "Exchange of views on the situation of forestry and production of biomass in Estonia"*
- 4. Meeting in Brussels between Peeter Kadarik and Kitti Nyitrai and the Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists on the 05/03/2020 discussing "Green Deal, 2030 energy and climate targets, decarbonisation of industry, innovation in energy"*
- 5. Meeting on Video Conference between Peeter Kadarik, Laure Chapuis-Kombos and the Confédération Européenne des Propriétaires Forestiers on the 21/06/2021 discussing "- To discuss about European Forest Owners hopes and worries regarding the EU Forest Strategy."*

Your application concerns the following documents:

Nr	Stakeholder	Ares	Date	Title
1	Eesti Töandjate Liit	Ares(2023)1660521	12/04/2021	Minutes of the meeting between Commissioner Simson and Mr Veskimägi (Eesti Töandjate Liit)
2	Confederation of European Forest Owners	Ares(2021)3613903	25/05/2021	Meeting request from Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF)
3	Confederation of European Forest Owners	Ares(2021)3613903	25/05/2021	Letter_Key points from forest owners and managers on current discussions on bioenergy
4	Confederation of European Forest Owners	Ares(2022)4852360	21/06/2021	Report of the meeting with Confédération Européenne des Propriétaires Forestiers (CEPF)
5	Eestimaa Looduse Fond (Estonian Nature Fund)	Ares(2023)3353428	01/03/2021	Meeting (online) KS 15.03.2021 with Eestimaa Looduse Fond (the Estonian Nature Fund)
6	Eestimaa Looduse Fond (Estonian Nature Fund)	Ares(2023)3372957	15/03/2021	MEEETING MINUTES – meeting between DHoC Peeter Kadarik and ONG Eestima Looduse Fond (Estonian Nature Fund)
7	Eesti Erametsaliit, eesti Metsa-ja Puidutööstus, Eesti Metsaselts	Ares(2023)3353127	30/05/2023	Invitation to training day to forest and timber industry
8	Eesti Erametsaliit, eesti Metsa-ja Puidutööstus, Eesti Metsaselts	Ares(2023)3373063	10/06/2022	Minutes of meeting between Peeter Kadarik and three Estonian ONGs (Eesti Erametsaliit, Eesti Metsa-ja Puidutööstus and Eesti Metsaselts)
9	Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists	Ares(2023)3373090	05/03/2020	Minutes of the meeting between Peeter Kadarik and Kitti Nyitrai and the Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that the documents listed above may be partially disclosed.

In fact, 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 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.

Access is granted to minutes of meetings with external parties. These documents were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant service. 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 documents refer. They do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

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 portal¹ account (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

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

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 sincerely,

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