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Subject: Your application for access to documents (GESTDEM 2022/6395)

Dear Madam,

We refer to your request registered on 9 November 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

We enclose the copies of the documents requested which include:

- the documents relating to the meeting between Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie e.V., Confederazione Generale dell'Industria Italiana and cabinet member of President von der Leyen, Kurt Vandenberghe, on the 26th February 2021,
- the documents relating to the meeting between European Round Table for Industry and President von der Leyen on the 19th July 2022,
- the documents relating to the meeting between Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie e.V. and President von der Leyen on the 30th March 2022.

List of identified documents

Please find below the list of documents that fall under the scope of your request:

As regards the meeting between Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie e.V., Confederazione Generale dell'Industria Italiana and cabinet member of President von der Leyen, Kurt Vandenberghe, on the 26th February 2021:

1. Letter from Confindustria and BDI to Ms. Florika Fink-Hooijer Director-General of DG Environment from 28 April 2021 and
2. the cover e-mail from Confindustria to Cabinet von der Leyen from 29 April 2021 (Ares(2021)2873192),
3. Letter from Confindustria and BDI to President Von der Leyen, dated 29 January 2021 and
4. the cover e-mail sent by Delegazione Confindustria Presso l'Unione europea to President Von der Leyen, dated 1 February 2021 (Ares(2021)838906),

5. E-mail from Confindustria to Cabinet von der Leyen “Follow up of last Friday call” from 2 March 2021 (Ares (2021)1598471 – redacted version Ares(2022)1193442) and
6. The reply to the latter from 3 March 2021 (Ares(2021)1598503 – redacted version Ares(2022)1193442),
7. Minutes of the meeting “Videoconference with Cofindustria and BDI – summary of the meeting” (Ares(2021)3677805),
8. Letter from the Director-General DG ENV to the presidents of Confindustria and BDI from 2 April 2021 (Ares(2021)2297170).

As regards the meeting between European Round Table for Industry and President von der Leyen on the 19th July 2022:

9. Joint statement by BusinessEurope, DIGITALEUROPE, ERT, Eurochambres and EuroCommerce “Businesses call for fresh political engagement to renew economic integration in the Single Market” from 27 June 2022 (Ares(2022)6553060),
10. Internal e-mail sent within Cabinet von der Leyen “Follow up call president Von der Leyen?” from 22 September 2022 (Ares(2022)6553060 – redacted version Ares(2022)7271581),
11. Minutes of the meeting “Meeting (VTC) 19 July 2022 on economic situation” (Ares(2022)6564416 – redacted version Ares(2022)7271581).

As regards the meeting Between Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie e.V. and President von der Leyen on the 30th March 2022:

12. Internal e-mail sent within Cabinet von der Leyen “Request for a Meeting with BDI (...) and BDI (...) on 30 or 31 March in Brussels” (Ares(2022)4364426),
13. Minutes of the meeting “Minutes BDI meeting President 30 March 2022” (Ares(2022)3392353 – redacted version Ares(2022)4364426).

Examination of documents

In accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, these documents may be partially disclosed. Redactions have been made for the following reasons:

Redactions on the ground of protecting the privacy and integrity of the individual (Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001

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1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access to that personal data 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.

Final remarks

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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 within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed
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Director

Annexes: Disclosed documents.