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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/3200**

Dear Mr Sabido,

We refer to your e-mail of 13 May 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 17 May 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Your request access to:

*“- a list of all meetings held between DG GROW and stakeholders regarding hydrogen infrastructure, including but not limited to Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEIs), from January 2020 to today.*

*- the minutes of all meetings held between DG GROW and stakeholders regarding hydrogen infrastructure, including but not limited to Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEIs), from January 2020 to today.*

*- all correspondence between DG GROW and stakeholders regarding hydrogen infrastructure, including but not limited to Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEIs), from January 2020 to today.”*

We have identified 3 documents that fall within the scope of your request.

A complete disclosure of all the documents are 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 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.

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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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Secretariat-General  
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)  
BERL 7/076  
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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

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*Electronically signed*

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