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Deadline extension: 12.10.2023

Dear Ms Verheecke,

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union¹.

Your request refers to interinstitutional file 2022/0196 COD. Please note that most of the documents that fall under the scope of your request have already been made public and are available in the Council's public register. You can consult the register at: [Documents and publications](#). By choosing the option "Search in the register", you can search for documents using several criteria. For your particular request, please enter the following parameters:

- Interinstitutional file: 2022/0196
- Document date - From: 01/01/2023, To: 21/09/2023

We have further identified the following documents that are not yet public as relating to the scope of your request:

- ST 6205/23 ADD 20 + ADD 21 + ADD 21 REV1
- ST 7159/23 ADD 1 + ADD 2 + ADD 3 + ADD 4 + ADD 5 + ADD 6 + ADD 7 + ADD 8 + ADD 9 + ADD 10 + ADD 11 + ADD 12 + ADD 13 + ADD 14 + ADD 15 + ADD 16
- ST 7920/23 ADD1 + ADD 2 + ADD 3 + ADD 4 + ADD 5 + ADD 6 + ADD 7 + ADD 8 + ADD 10 + ADD 13 + ADD 14
- ST 8395/23 EXT 1 ADD 9 + EXT 1 ADD 16 EXT 1 + EXT 1 ADD 17 + EXT 1 ADD 18 + EXT 1 ADD 19

¹ The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).

- ST 9063/23 EXT 1 ADD 2 + EXT 1 ADD 17
- ST 9803/23 ADD 1
- ST 12669/23 ADD 2
- ST 14000/22 ADD 13 EXT 1
- ST 14525/22 ADD 9
- WK 5151 2023
- WK 9761 2023
- WK 10979 2023
- WK 4195 2023 INIT + REV 1 + REV 1 ADD 1 + REV 1 ADD 2+ REV 1 ADD 3+ REV 1 ADD 4 + REV 1 ADD 5 + REV 1 ADD 6 + REV 1 ADD 6 EXT 1 + REV 1 ADD 6 EXT 2 + REV 1 ADD 7 + REV 1 ADD 8 + REV 1 ADD 9 + REV 1 ADD 10 + REV 1 ADD 11 + REV 1 ADD 12 + REV 1 ADD 13 + REV 1 ADD 14 + REV 1 ADD 15 + REV 1 ADD 16 + REV 1 ADD 17 + REV 1 ADD 18 + REV 1 ADD 19 + REV 1 ADD 20 + REV 1 ADD 21 + REV 1 ADD 22 + REV 1 ADD 23 + REV 1 ADD 24 + REV 1 ADD 25

Please find attached partially accessible versions of the following five documents²: ST 8395/23 EXT 1 ADD 9, WK 4195 2023 INIT + REV 1 + REV 1 ADD 19 + REV 1 ADD 22.

I regret to inform you that full access cannot be granted, since these documents contain personal data which is necessary for the organisation of the work of the Council. The data protection rules at EU level³ provide that when the personal data collected is to be used for a different purpose, including disclosure to the public, a balance needs to be established between the public interest in having access to such data and the legitimate right of individuals to protect their personal data. After carefully considering all the principles related to this request, on balance the General Secretariat has concluded that disclosure of the personal data contained in these documents would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the identified individuals⁴.

You are granted full access to the rest of the documents identified.

Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you may ask the Council to review this decision within 15 working days of receiving this reply. Should you see the need for such a review, you are invited to indicate the reasons thereof.

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

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Link to documents: <https://go.wetransfer.com/t-L6YspuGW5d>

² Article 4(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

³ Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data (OJ L 295 21.11.2018, p. 39).

⁴ Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.