



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
SECRETARIAT-GENERAL

Directorate E - Citizens, Health, Migration & Security Union
The Director

Brussels
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Dear Vera Deleja-Hotko,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/2767

We refer to your email of 12 May 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents.

You request access to documents concerning meetings between representatives of the Commission and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), which may include, but not necessarily be limited to, minutes of the meetings, verbatim reports of the meetings, transcripts, notes, outcomes of proceedings, or any record that reflects the course of the meetings, the discussions that took place, and positions expressed by its attendees.

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to other Directorates-General¹. This reply relates only to the documents held by the Secretariat-General. You will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

The part of your request for access to documents that falls under the responsibility of the Secretariat-General was registered on 16 May 2022 with the following number: GESTDEM 2022/2767.

We have identified the following documents that fall under the scope of your application:

- 06 Sep 2021 - Vice-President Margaritis Schinas/Natasha Bertaud
 - 'Invitation to headline ICMPD's Vienna Migration Conference 2021', Ares(2021)5420594
 - Concept note 'Vienna Migration Conference 2021: Reimagining migration partnerships: Challenges, opportunities and strategies', Ares(2021)5420594
- 06 Oct 2020 - Vice-President Margaritis Schinas/Natasha Bertaud
 - 'Breaking the gridlock: A new Pact for EU migration policy', ICMPD webinar with Commission Vice President Margaritis Schinas, Ares(2020)2564873

¹ 2022/2768: DG INTPA, 2022/2770: DG HOME, 2022/2771: DG NEAR, 2022/2772: DG ECHO, 2022/2773: DG CNECT, 2022/2774: DG BUDG.

by email: v.deleja- [REDACTED]

- 22 Apr 2020 - Vice-President Margaritis Schinas/ Natasha Bertaud - COVID-19 impact on migration and asylum measures- EU's cooperation with the ICMPD in the area of migration
 - 'Meeting request – Director General ICMPD, Dr. Michael Spindelegger', Ares(2019)7629793
 - Policy paper 'Breaking gridlocks and moving forward: Recommendations for the next five years of EU migration policy', Ares(2019)7629793

As well as:

- Email related to all three meetings listed above: 'VP Schinas meeting with ICMPD DG Spingelegger', Ares(2022)4312730

With regard to documents Ares(2021)5420594, Ares(2020)2564873, Ares(2019)7629793 and Ares(2022)4312730, complete disclosure is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individuals 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 except 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 have established 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 choose to put forward arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, I conclude that access is not 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.

If you disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit 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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,



Enclosure: Documents Ares(2021)5420594, Ares(2020)2564873, Ares(2019)7629793 and Ares(2022)4312730