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Request made on: 26.03.2021
Deadline extension: 21.04.2021

Dear Ms Cann,

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union.¹

You will find attached the documents you requested:

- meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Tourism) on 18 January 2021:
WK 659/21 (presentation by OECD);
WK 660/21 (HOTREC);
- meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Industry/Internal market) on 8 December 2020:
WK 14290/20 (presentation by IW Consult);
WK 14294/20 (presentation by National Board of Trade Sweden);
WK 14295/20 (presentation by Business Sweden);
- meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Industry) on 7 September 2020:
no Power-Point presentation or another supporting document has been provided by Festo;
- meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Industry) on 3 September 2020:
no Power-Point presentation or another supporting document has been provided by ATP and Adalberto;

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).

- meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Tourism) on 24 October 2019: no Power-Point presentation or another supporting document has been provided by presentation by the UNWTO;
- meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Industry) on 12 October 2018:
WK 12208/18 (presentation by VUB and Institute for European Studies);
WK 12209/18 (presentation by CEPS)

I regret to inform you that access to document **WK 12206/1/18** cannot be given for the reasons set out below.

Document WK 12206/1/18 is a presentation on the Strategic Action Plan for Batteries made at the meeting of the WP on Competitiveness and Growth (Industry) on 12 October 2018 by a speaker from AVL List GmbH.

The document is a third party document identified by its author as confidential. The General secretariat of the Council has thus to refuse access to this document as its disclosure would undermine the protection of commercial interests of a natural or legal person, including intellectual property.²

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.³

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

Link to documents: <https://we.tl/t-a4XwChqFGY>

² Article 4(2), first indent, of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

³ Council documents on confirmatory applications are made available to the public. Pursuant to data protection rules at EU level (Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725, if you make a confirmatory application your name will only appear in related documents if you have given your explicit consent.