

Dear Mr Hoedeman,

Thank you for your message. The question of whether there are possible conflicts of interest was discussed between the Commission services concerned, but I can confirm that no other documents than those already transmitted to you were drawn up on this assessment.

Kind regards,

Martine LEVEQUE
Head of Unit HR.A.2

From: Olivier Hoedeman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 3:52 PM
To: HR MAIL A2; DAY Catherine (SG)
Subject: Re: request for access to documents --- Ref. Gestdem - REPLY

To clarify: my request includes documents on the examination that was carried out by the European Commission of possible conflicts of interest related to Mr. Frydman's appointment as Special Adviser.

Yours sincerely,

Olivier Hoedeman
on behalf of Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO)

On 05/20/2015 01:56 PM, Olivier Hoedeman wrote:
Dear Martine Leveque, dear Catherine Day,

thank you for the email sent on May 11th, in which you responded to my access to documents request and attached the declaration of activities and the statement of assurance related to the appointment of Jan E. Friedman as Special Adviser.

My request however also included a third point, in which requested access to "other Commission documents related to the assessment of Mr. Frydman's appointment, including assessment of possible conflicts of interest." No such documents were released, nor was there any reference to why such documents could not be released.

I am therefore writing to request an internal review of the handling of my FOI request.

Yours sincerely,

Olivier Hoedeman
on behalf of Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO)

On 05/11/2015 12:17 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:
Dear Mr Hoedeman,

We refer to your e-mail dated 17 April 2015, in which you made a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number.

The requested documents contain personal data, which means that, in principle, the exception laid down in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation No 1049/2001 applies. The transmission of these documents has only become possible because Mr Frydman has given his agreement to the disclosure.

Please note that the Commission does not assume liability stemming from the reuse of these documents.^[1]

Kind regards,

Martine LEVEQUE
Head of Unit HR.A.2

^[1] See the Decision of the Commission of 12 December 2011 (2011/833/EU), OJ L 330/39 of 14 December 2011 for details; this Decision does not apply to documents for which third parties hold the copyrights, Article 2 (2) (b).



On 04/17/2015 01:49 PM, Olivier Hoedeman wrote:

To Whom it May Concern:

With reference to Regulation 1049/2001, we would like to request access to the following documents related to the appointment of Swedish lawyer Jan E. Friedman as Special Adviser for Trade Policy and Transatlantic Affairs to EU Commissioner Cecilia Malmström:

- the declaration of activities
- the statement of assurance
- and other Commission documents related to the assessment of Mr. Frydman's appointment, including assessment of possible conflicts of interest.

Yours sincerely,

Olivier Hoedeman
on behalf of Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO)

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