



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MIGRATION AND HOME AFFAIRS

The Director-General

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*By e-mail with acknowledgement of receipt:*

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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE [2026/2190]**

Dear Mr Nielsen,

I refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 27 April 2026 under the above-mentioned reference number.

## **1. SCOPE OF YOUR REQUEST**

By means of your request, you seek access to: *“any documents held by the European Commission, notably by the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME), relating to the visit of Deputy Director-General Johannes Luchner to Afghanistan in January 2026. More specifically, you request internal notes, meeting records, debriefings, itineraries, or correspondence (including electronic exchanges, calendars, and minutes) that list:*

- *the names of Taliban representatives whom Johannes Luchner met in Afghanistan during that visit;*
- *their official positions, titles, or ranks within the Taliban regime (e.g. “Minister”, “Deputy Minister”, “Head of Mission”, “Negotiator”, etc.), to the extent they appear in the documents.*
- *any related background papers, talking points, position notes, or briefing documents prepared by DG HOME for or in connection with those meetings.”*

## **2. NO DOCUMENTS HELD**

I regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (hereafter ‘Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001’) <sup>(1)</sup>, the

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43; ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2001/1049/oj>.

right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, I am not in a position to fulfil your request.

### **3. MEANS OF REDRESS**

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EU) 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 to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

**by asking for a review via your portal <sup>(2)</sup> account** (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

**or by mail:**

European Commission  
Secretariat-General  
Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.A.2)  
BERL 7/DCS  
B-1049 Brussels

**or by email to:** [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

### **4. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT**

Finally, I note that your request has been submitted outside the EASE portal. Therefore, I would appreciate, if you could **acknowledge receipt of the present letter by sending an email** to [HOME-ACCESS-DOCUMENTS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:HOME-ACCESS-DOCUMENTS@ec.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>(2)</sup> <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>