

Public Consultation on a proposal for a mandatory Transparency Register

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The European Commission seeks the views of all interested parties on the performance of the current Transparency Register for organisations and self-employed individuals engaged in EU policy-making and policy implementation and on its future evolution towards a mandatory scheme covering the European Parliament, the Council of the EU and the European Commission.

QUESTIONNAIRE

* Are you responding as:

- An individual in my personal capacity
- The representative of an organisation registered in the [Transparency Register](#)
- The representative of an organisation not registered in the Transparency Register

* I am a resident in (only one choice possible):

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Germany
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Greece
- Spain
- Finland
- France

- Hungary
- Croatia
- Ireland
- Italy
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Latvia
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Sweden
- Slovenia
- Slovak Republic
- United Kingdom
- Other country

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A. GENERAL PART (7 questions)

1. Transparency and the EU

1.1 The EU institutions interact with a wide range of groups and organisations representing specific interests. This is a legitimate and necessary part of the decision-making process to make sure that EU policies reflect the interests of citizens, businesses and other stakeholders. The decision-making process must be transparent to allow for proper scrutiny and to ensure that the Union's institutions are accountable.

* a) Do you agree that ethical and transparent lobbying helps policy development?

Fully agree

- Partially agree
- Disagree
- No opinion

Comments or suggestions (Optional)

3000 character(s) maximum

- * b) It is often said that achieving appropriate lobbying regulation is not just about transparency, i.e. shedding light on the way in which lobbyists and policy-makers are operating. Which of the below other principles do you also consider important for achieving a sound framework for relations with interest representatives?

More than one answer possible

- Integrity
- Equality of access
- Other (please elaborate in the comments box below)
- No opinion

Comments or suggestions (Optional)

3000 character(s) maximum

- * c) In your opinion, how transparent are the European institutions as public institutions?

- They are highly transparent
- They are relatively transparent
- They are not transparent at all
- No opinion

Comments or suggestions (Optional)

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- * 1.2 The Transparency Register provides information to politicians and public officials about those who approach them with a view to influencing the decision-making and policy formulation and implementation process. The Register also allows for public scrutiny; giving citizens and other interest groups the possibility to track the activities and potential influence of lobbyists.

Do you consider the Transparency Register a useful tool for regulating lobbying?

- Very useful
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- Somewhat useful
- Not useful at all
- No opinion

Comments or suggestions (Optional)

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2. Scope of the Register

- * 2.1 Activities covered by the Register include lobbying, interest representation and advocacy. It covers all activities carried out to influence - directly or indirectly - policymaking, policy implementation and decision-making in the European Parliament and the European Commission, no matter where they are carried out or which channel or method of communication is used.

This definition is appropriate:

- Fully agree
- Partially agree
- Disagree
- No opinion

Comments or suggestions (Optional)

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- * 2.2 The Register does not apply to certain entities, for example, churches and religious communities, political parties, Member States' government services, third countries' governments, international intergovernmental organisations and their diplomatic missions. Regional public authorities and their representative offices do not have to register but can register if they wish to do so. On the other hand, the Register applies to local, municipal authorities and cities as well as to associations and networks created to represent them.

The scope of the Register should be:

- Changed to exclude certain types of entities (please elaborate in the comments box below)
- Changed to include certain types of entities (please elaborate in the comments box below)
- Preserved the same as currently
- No opinion

Comments or suggestions (Optional)

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3. Register website

3.1 What is your impression of the Register [web site](#)?

	Good	Average	Poor	No opinion
*Design and structure	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Availability of information / documents	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Ease of search function	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Accessibility (e.g. features for visually impaired persons, ease of reading page)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Access via mobile devices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Comments or suggestions (Optional)

3000 character(s) maximum

4. Additional comments

Final comments or ideas on any additional subjects that you consider important in the context of this public consultation (Optional)

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I have attached a PDF document for this opinion.

If you wish you may provide additional information (position papers, reports, etc) in support of your answers to this public consultation. Please upload no more than three files of up to 1Mb each. Attachments above this number will not be considered.

Attach files

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End of Part A

Part B includes questions that require a certain knowledge of the Transparency Register. Proceed to Part B (optional).

* Do you want to proceed to Part B ?

- Yes
 No

* Publication of your consultation

- I agree to my contribution being published.
 I do not agree to my contribution being published.

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Useful links

Read more on the public consultation homepage
(http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/civil_society/public_consultation_en.htm)

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