

The Transparency Register

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Transparency

key for

Citizens trust – Accountability of institutions - Legitimacy

European Commission and transparency

- Commissioners declaration of interest;
 - Register of comitology;
 - Access to internal documents (reg 1049/2001);
 - Register of expert groups;
 - Publication of:
 - work programme
 - road maps
 - Impact assessments
 - Beneficiaries of EU funds;
 - Transparency Register (advocacy lobbying interest rep.);
- etc.**

Article 11 TEU

PROVISIONS ON DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

*The institutions shall, by appropriate means, **give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action.***

- 2. The institutions shall maintain an **open, transparent and regular dialogue with representative associations and civil society.***
- 3. The European Commission shall carry out **broad consultations with parties concerned** in order to ensure that the Union's actions are coherent and transparent.*
- 4. ... (citizens initiative)*

A common perception !



Interaction between the institutions (public office holders) and the representation of citizens

LEGITIMATE

NECESSARY

BUT subject to conditions of :

Transparency (citizens have the right to know)

Non discrimination (level playing field)

Conformity with law and ethics

The EP/COM Transparency Register system

- *An interinstitutional agreement.*
 - *Text in OJEU L191/29 of 22.7.2011*
- *A public Register with three pillars.*
 - A Public data base:
the « Transparency register »
 - A code of conduct
 - An alert system with possible sanctions
- *A common EP/Com Secretariat.*

Who

Professional
consultancies – law
firms self employed
consultants

In house lobbyists
(firms) Trade &
professional
associations

NGOs

Think tanks &
academic

institutions

Org. representing
churches and
religious
communities

Org. representing local
regional & municipal
authorities

Other public or mix
entities etc.

Eligibility

All activities, other than excluded, carried out with the objective of directly or indirectly influencing the formulation or implementation of policy and the decision making processes of the **EU institutions**

Exemptions

1. - Provision of legal and professional advice.
2. - Activities explicitly allocated to entities by the treaties
3. - Activities in response to direct and individual request from EU institutions

Special cases

- *Churches & religious communities;*
- *Political parties;*
- *Local, regional and municipal authorities;*
- *Network, platforms without legal status;*
- *Member states governments, third countries, international & intergovernmental organisations (incl. their diplomatic missions).*

A few perks

From Commission:

- *Alerts on public consultations*
 - *Alert on road maps*
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From Parliament:

- *Prerequisite for accreditation requests for a fast track access to Parliament's buildings*

What if not registered?

Unchanged:

Any right conferred by the treaties or public process.

Examples.

- Participation in public consultation.
- Handling of mails (code of good conduct).
- etc.

BUT:

- Contributions sent to public consultations are published separately.
- Officials have no obligation to accept a request for appointment.
- Parliament will not consider accreditation requests for fast track access to its buildings.
- Members & Officials might be reluctant to accept invitations to attend events by unregistered organisations, or sponsor events in the EP together with unregistered organisations .
- etc

What is to be declared

General & basic information:

Coordinates – persons in charge etc.

**Number of persons involved
Goals remit field of interest**

Networks, affiliations

Activities:

main legislative proposals covered

Financial information:

budget + sources of revenue

estimate of eligible expenditures

Names of clients and level of contracts

EU funding received

Beneficiaries - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by European Commission

http://ec.europa.eu/beneficiaries/fts/index_en.htm

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FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY SYSTEM

European Commission > Beneficiaries > Fts

Search What can I find on this site? How does it work? Contact FAQ Help

Please complete at least one search field

Budget ?

☒ EU budget centrally administered by the Commission

☐ European Development Fund (10th EDF)

Name of beneficiary ?

Year ?

2007
2008
2009
2010

Country / Territory ?

European UNION
Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Cyprus

Geographical Zone ?

Postal code ?

Amount ?

Order by:

Amount ↑ ↓

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Sort:

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View result:

Mandatory: Year, Name of beneficiary, Subject of grant or contract, Coordinator, Country / Territory, Postal code, Amount, Commitment position key ?

Optional: ?

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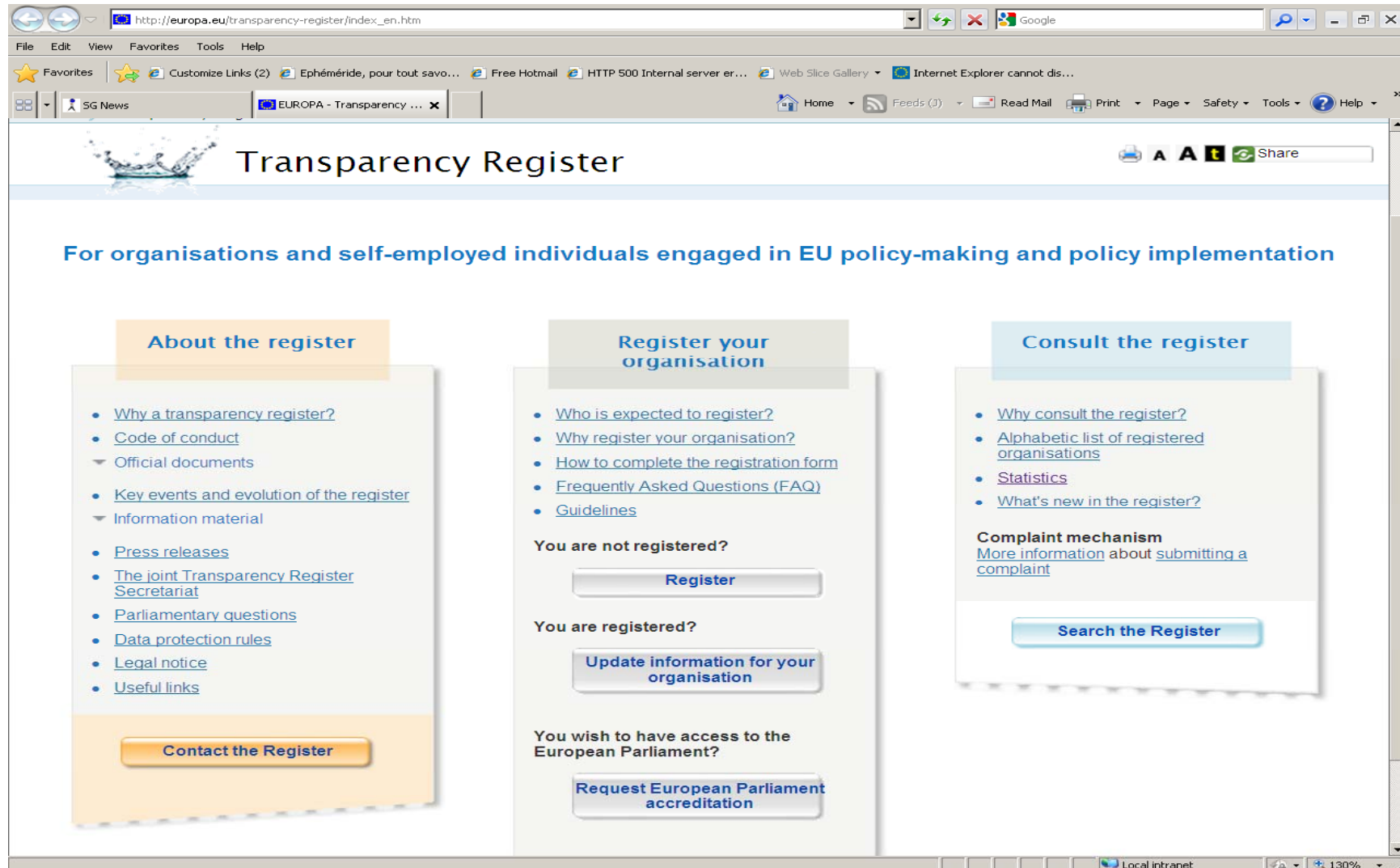
CODE OF CONDUCT

- (a) always **identify themselves** by name and by the entity or entities they work for or represent; declare the interests, objectives or aims promoted and, where applicable, specify the clients or members whom they represent;
- (b) **not obtain or try to obtain information**, or any decision, **dishonestly**, or by use of undue pressure or inappropriate behaviour;
- (c) **not claim any formal relationship with the EU** or any of its institutions in their dealings with third parties, nor misrepresent the effect of registration in such a way as **to mislead** third parties or officials or other staff of the EU;
- (d) ensure that, to the best of their knowledge, **information which they provide** upon registration and subsequently in the framework of their activities within the scope of the register **is complete, up-to-date and not misleading**;
- (e) **not sell** to third parties copies of **documents obtained from any EU institution**;
- (f) **not induce Members** of the EU institutions, **officials** or other staff of the EU, or assistants or trainees of those Members, **to contravene the rules and standards** of behaviour applicable to them;
- (g) if employing former officials or other staff of the EU or assistants or trainees of Members of the EU institutions, **respect the obligation** of such employees **to abide by the rules and confidentiality requirements** which apply to them;
- (h) observe any rules laid down on the rights and responsibilities of former Members of the European Parliament and the European Commission;
- (i) inform whomever they represent of their obligations towards the EU institutions.

Complaint and sanction

- Procedure for the handling of complaints:
 - Submission
 - Admissibility (**material elements**)
 - Investigation (right of defense)
 - Decision (proportionality)
- Grid of sanctions available:
 - Types of non compliance (**intentionality**)
 - Available measures (suspension – removal)
 - Publicity
 - Cancellation of accreditation for fast track access to EP buildings

The interactive web interface



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Transparency Register page. The browser's address bar shows the URL http://europa.eu/transparency-register/index_en.htm. The page features a header with the European Parliament and European Commission logos, and a navigation bar with links like Home, Feeds, Read Mail, Print, Page, Safety, Tools, and Help. The main content area is titled "Transparency Register" and includes a sub-header: "For organisations and self-employed individuals engaged in EU policy-making and policy implementation". The page is organized into three main columns:

- About the register** (orange header):
 - [Why a transparency register?](#)
 - [Code of conduct](#)
 - Official documents
 - [Key events and evolution of the register](#)
 - Information material
 - [Press releases](#)
 - [The joint Transparency Register Secretariat](#)
 - [Parliamentary questions](#)
 - [Data protection rules](#)
 - [Legal notice](#)
 - [Useful links](#)

[Contact the Register](#)
- Register your organisation** (grey header):
 - [Who is expected to register?](#)
 - [Why register your organisation?](#)
 - [How to complete the registration form](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)
 - [Guidelines](#)

You are not registered?

[Register](#)

You are registered?

[Update information for your organisation](#)

You wish to have access to the European Parliament?

[Request European Parliament accreditation](#)
- Consult the register** (blue header):
 - [Why consult the register?](#)
 - [Alphabetic list of registered organisations](#)
 - [Statistics](#)
 - [What's new in the register?](#)

Complaint mechanism

[More information](#) about [submitting a complaint](#)

[Search the Register](#)

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Register of Interest Representatives (old register)

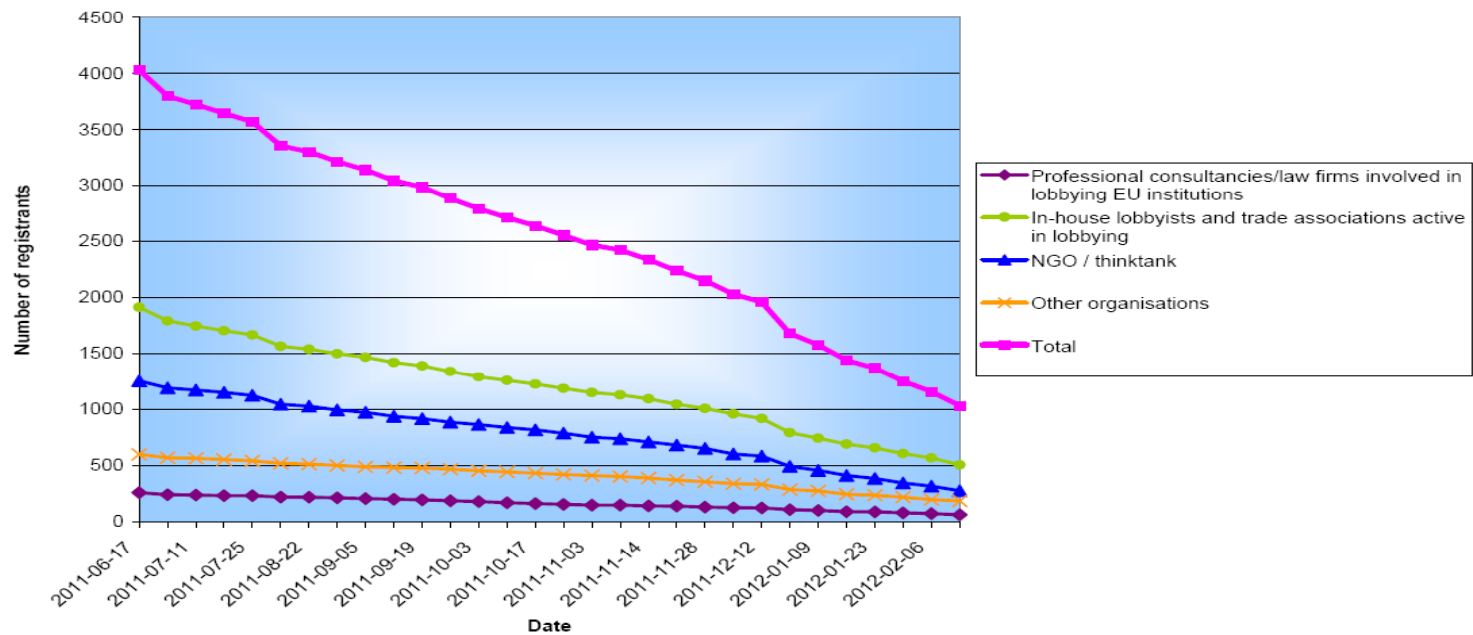
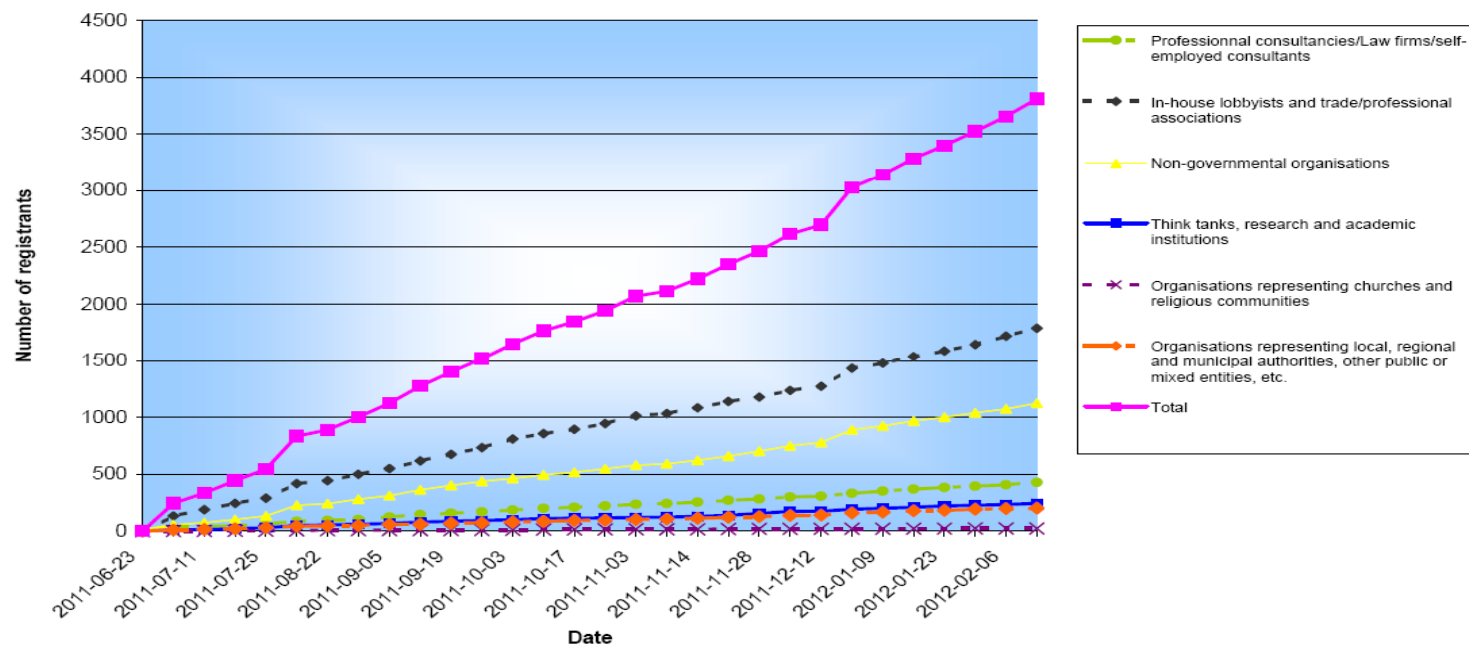


Chart Transparency Register

Transparency Register - Weekly Evolution of Registrations



QUALITY CHECKS

1. REAL EXISTENCE

2. FUNDAMENTAL VALUES

*3. CONSISTENT WITH OPEN
SOURCE INFO*

4. CORRECT SECTION

*5. IIA + Guidelines
COMPLIANCE*

6. CREDIBILITY

Personnel nber/cost

Budget or expenditures

**Zero €declaration
explained)**

*7. Consistent with EP Access
control data*

8. List of clients, by names

9 . Miscellaneous

NEXT STEPS

- Internal & external information & communication activities
- specific arrangement with the Council.
- Public consultation, then first annual report to be presented (autumn 2012)

