

Transparency Register

Information about the contributor to the consultation	
Is your organisation registered with the Transparency Register? -single choice reply- (compulsory)	Yes
Name or organisation name as it appears in the Register: -open reply-(compulsory)	Alliance for Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Regulation
Please enter your e-mail address. -open reply- (compulsory)	koen@alter-eu.org
What is your Transparency Register identification number? -open reply-(compulsory)	2694372574-63
To what section does your organisation belong? -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Non-governmental organisations, platforms and networks and similar
In what country does your organisation have its head office? -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Belgium
Does your organisation have an office in Brussels? -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Yes
QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THOSE REGISTERED IN THE TRANSPARENCY REGISTER	
WHY DID YOUR ORGANISATION REGISTER IN THE TRANSPARENCY REGISTER? (select as many as apply) -multiple choices reply-(compulsory)	We wish to be open/public about our participation in the EU decision-making process. - We wish to conduct our activities in a transparent, ethical manner.
I BELONG TO A NETWORK THAT ENCOURAGED ITS MEMBERS TO REGISTER. -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Yes
If yes, did that encouragement make you register sooner than you would have otherwise? -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Yes
HAVE YOU YOURSELF ENCOURAGED OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO REGISTER WITH THE TRANSPARENCY REGISTER? -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Yes
If yes, why? -open reply-(compulsory)	
ALTER-EU, together with the EU Civil Society Contact Group, has published guidelines that encourage organisations to set a constructive example of how the "Transparency Register" could be easily improved. We are of the opinion, that a meaningful register must disclose: - the names of lobbyists and the number of full-time equivalents (fte's); - the finances involved in any lobbying effort; - the specific lobbying issues, including the official references of targeted legislative pieces.	
DO YOU THINK THAT APPEARING IN THE REGISTER REFLECTS POSITIVELY ON YOUR ORGANISATION? -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Yes

IS THE INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE ABOUT HOW TO REGISTER CLEAR ENOUGH? -single choice reply-(compulsory)	No
If no, please explain: -open reply-(compulsory)	
The ALTER-EU coalition criticises the “Transparency Register” - among other reasons - because the required financial reporting on lobbying expenditure is inconsistent and not comparable.	
Homepage -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Very Clear
Official documents -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Not very clear
Registration form -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Clear
Updating information for your organisation -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Clear
Request form for European Parliament accreditation -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Clear
Documentation to help you register -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Not very clear
Consultation of the list of registered organisations -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Clear
Search form -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Clear
Statistics -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Clear
Guidelines -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Clear
Frequently asked questions -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Clear
Registration form -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Not very clear
Code of conduct -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Clear
Complaint mechanism and sanctions -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Clear
Are there other documents that would be helpful when signing up for the Transparency Register? -open reply-(optional)	
WHEN YOU REGISTERED, DID YOU HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY FILLING OUT THE FOLLOWING FIELDS? -multiple choices reply-(optional)	
HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE HELPDESK (BY TELEPHONE OR E-MAIL)? -single choice reply-(compulsory)	No

HAVE YOU ENTERED ONE OR MORE REQUESTS FOR EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ACCREDITATION? -single choice reply-(compulsory)	No
"How to request European Parliament accreditation" -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Clear
Request form for European Parliament accreditation -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Clear
How could we more clearly explain the procedure for requesting European Parliament accreditation? -open reply-(optional)	
WHAT ADDITIONAL BENEFITS/PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES WOULD YOU LIKE TO GAIN FROM SIGNING UP FOR THE TRANSPARENCY REGISTER? (vis-à-vis the European Commission and/or European Parliament)? -open reply-(optional)	
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE REGISTRANTS OBLIGED TO DISCLOSE MORE INFORMATION THAN THEY DO CURRENTLY? -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Yes
If yes, what information? -open reply-(compulsory)	Names of all lobbyists (not only those with EP badges); Disclose lobby expenditure in bandwidths of €10,000 (including for lobby consultancies/law firms reporting on clients); Funding sources.
DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS? -open reply-(optional)	
<p>ALTER-EU has just published an in-depth report entitled 'Dodgy data – time to fix the EU's Transparency Register'. We encourage the European Commission and Parliament to act on the problems highlighted and the recommendations made in this report. We would like to stress the following points: ● the disclosure requirements must be actively enforced, to secure that registrants disclose reliable information regarding lobby budgets, client lists, number of lobbyists employed, and issues lobbied on. ● the voluntary approach should be replaced with mandatory registration in order to ensure that all major lobbying actors are included (also if it concerns the Council). ● the disclosure requirements must be tightened, introducing the obligation to: list names of all lobbyists (not only those with EP access passes); disclose lobby expenditure in bandwidths of €10,000 (including for lobby consultancies and law firms reporting on clients); report on specific funding sources and amounts received</p>	
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<p>The contributions received and the identity of the contributor will be published on the Internet, unless the contributor is opposed to the publication of personal data for fear that this would damage his/her legitimate interests, in which case the contribution may be published in anonymous form.</p> <p>Do you authorise the European Commission to publish your contribution? -single choice reply-(compulsory)</p>	Yes