

TRANSPARENCY REGISTER

Political declaration

on the occasion of the adoption of the Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory Transparency Register

1. The signatory governments welcome the decision of the Parliament, the Council and the Commission to conclude an Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory Transparency Register ('the Interinstitutional Agreement') setting up a coordinated approach for transparent and ethical interactions between the EU institutions and interest representatives, based on the principle of conditionality.
2. The signatory governments confirm their intention to promote transparent and ethical interactions also when interest representatives seek to influence the way national authorities participate in the European Union decision-making process.
3. In particular, they therefore commit, during their term of office as Presidency of the Council of the European Union and in the six months preceding this term, to make meetings between interest representatives and their respective Permanent Representative and Deputy Permanent Representative to the EU conditional on the registration of such interest representatives in the Transparency Register.
4. The principle of conditionality set out in the preceding paragraph applies to the meetings organised with the Permanent Representative and Deputy Permanent Representative when acting in their capacity of acting or incoming Presidency of the Council.
5. The present declaration is notified to the Management Board of the Transparency Register in accordance with Article 12 of the Interinstitutional Agreement. The signatory Member States remain free to notify the Management Board of the Transparency Register their intention to make other types of interactions with interest representatives conditional upon registration in the Transparency Register or of complementary transparency measures or to withdraw from the present declaration.
6. The commitments assumed with the present declaration are without prejudice to the measures for the regulation of interactions between interest representatives and national authorities adopted at national level.
7. In case of modification or revision of the Interinstitutional Agreement, the commitments assumed with the present declaration will also be subject to revision.