



## Secretariat of the Transparency Register

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### Annual priorities for the Transparency Register in 2026

In accordance with points (b) and (c) of Article 7(2) of the [Interinstitutional Agreement](#) (IIA) on a mandatory transparency register, the Management Board (MB) shall determine the annual priorities for the Transparency Register (TR) as well as the budget estimates and share required for the implementation of those priorities, and it shall issue general instructions to the Secretariat.

In 2026, the signatory institutions of the IIA should continue building upon the experience and lessons learned in the operational implementation of the IIA with the objective of consolidating its achievements thus far and further increasing the use, visibility and prominence of the TR, notably within other EU institutions and bodies, as well as taking stock of feedback that may be gathered on the use of the register as an essential tool to promote transparent and ethical lobbying.

#### **1. Upgrading monitoring to improve content reliability**

The Secretariat shall review its monitoring activities to further boost their efficiency and continue to pursue the highest data quality standards in registrations, in line with its target of a 3-year cycle of checking the register's full population following initial validation. It shall also continue availing itself of all procedural options available to it under the IIA with a view to enhancing data quality and improving user compliance. This should involve methods for more systematic cross-checking of registrations that may be connected.

#### **2. Boosting TR capabilities and attractiveness**

The TR being used for different purposes, from the general public's interest in potential influence on the EU policy and decision-making process to the the institutions' own transparency needs, it requires upgraded functionalities for better identification, monitoring and usability of datasets. This should include fine-tuning the advanced search functions to improve data display or export options and exploring additional digital solutions, including artificial intelligence, for detecting interconnections between registrations, easing further the registration process, and seeking to improve user compliance.

### **3. Improving accountability**

In order to further increase the reliability of the TR, the monitoring and investigation procedures need to be understood by all parties concerned to ensure consistent, transparent and efficient handling. To this end, the Secretariat shall complete the codification of its working methods and publish it as formal rules of procedure.

### **4. Promotion and outreach**

In order to promote the use of the TR as an essential tool for regulating lobbying practices and with a view to continually improving public guidance to users and to registrants, the Secretariat should explore further avenues to enhance its engagement and outreach. This could be achieved in particular by contacts, exchanges or conferences with other EU institutions and bodies, Member States permanent representations that express an interest to be involved in the Transparency Register, as well as with stakeholders.