



## Secretariat of the Transparency Register

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### Annual priorities for the Transparency Register in 2023

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 2023, the signatory institutions of the IIA should build upon the experience and lessons learned during the first year of full implementation of the new framework and step up the effort to further improve and reinforce the TR.

#### 1. State-of-the-art technology

Based on the in-depth assessment of the information technology (IT) services of the signatory institutions, and taking into account user feedback, the process of replacing the 10-year old TR platform by a state-of-the-art digital platform will start in 2023 with the objective to adapt the mandatory register to contemporary technological and information security standards and enhance user experience. The project will require considerable input and assistance from the Secretariat in terms of feedback, testing and design. In addition, the EU login project launched in 2022 to improve the security of the TR system, introducing a personal user account for each individual user and safe authentication, should receive adequate follow-up to ensure full functionality in 2023.

#### 2. Net progress on data quality

The Secretariat shall step up the monitoring of the amended registrations based on the new registration form and shall continue to ensure the *ex ante* screening of all new applications for registration with a view of achieving an optimal level of data quality in the TR. New automatic quality check rules compiled and applied in 2022 will be reviewed and assessed to ensure progress in the overall data quality.

### **3. ECA audit of the TR**

The Secretariat shall continue to cooperate constructively with the auditors and provide all necessary information and support, on the understanding that the outcome of the audit (expected in 2023) could yield useful recommendations and input for the further evolution of the TR to be potentially included in the priorities for the year 2024.

### **4. Cooperation with other institutions, bodies & agencies**

The Secretariat shall prepare for the Management Board's consideration a proposal on the procedure and conditions under which EU institutions, bodies, offices or agencies may benefit from the Secretariat's assistance and helpdesk support, as well as on the extent of such assistance and support<sup>1</sup>. This proposal is to be presented to the Management Board for consideration at the latest at its meeting in 2023.

### **5. Communication and awareness-raising**

Communication and awareness-raising actions concerning the IIA and the related transparency measures of the signatory institutions should remain intensified in 2023 and be directed to both internal (i.e. members and staff of the signatory institutions) and external stakeholders.

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<sup>1</sup> Under Article 11 of the Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory Transparency Register, the Management Board may agree on those conditions when Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies have notified the Management Board of measures by means of which they decide to make certain activities conditional upon registration in the register, or of any complementary transparency measures that they take, if the Management Board considers these measures consistent with the objectives pursued by the Interinstitutional Agreement.