



Secretariat of the Transparency Register

Minutes

Management Board Meeting

21 May 2025 - 16h30

Brussels

Chair:	Alessandro CHIOCCETTI, Secretary-General of the European Parliament
Parliament:	Guillaume McLAUGHLIN, Michael WEISS, Radostina PARENTI, Edouard DIRRIG, Elisabeth BAUER
Council:	Thérèse BLANCHET, Inga ROSÍŃSKA, Dhana IRSARA, Jérôme GUICHARD
Commission:	Ilze JUHANSONE, Tatjana VERRIER, Dorthe CHRISTENSEN, Christos SAKELLARIOU
Secretariat:	Fernando FLORINDO GIJÓN (Coordinator of the Secretariat)

The Chair welcomed the participants, noted the main responsibilities of the Management Board, while acknowledging that the Transparency Register remains one of the most prominent and relevant tools for shedding light on interest representation activities. The Chair noted that the Board would hear from the Coordinator about the work of the Secretariat since the last meeting in April 2024. He noted further that Article 14(2) of the IIA foresees a review of the agreement no later than 2 July 2025. The Chair took the opportunity to inform about the Parliament's newest conditionality measure instructing all managers to only meet registered interest representatives and to publicly declare meetings with these interest representatives as well as with representatives of public authorities of non-EU countries.

GOVERNANCE DECISIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 7 AND 8 OF THE IIA

Rotation of the Management Board

The Management Board decided that in line with the rotation agreed at its meeting on 19 April 2024, the Secretary-General of the Council will chair the Board in 2026, followed by the Commission in 2027 and the Parliament in 2028.

Appointment of the Coordinator of the Secretariat

The Management Board thanked the head of the transparency unit in the General Secretariat of the Council, Mr. Fernando FLORINDO GIJÓN, for his work performed so far as Coordinator of the Secretariat and decided to appoint Ms. Radostina PARENTI, head of the Parliament's transparency unit, as Coordinator of the Secretariat from 1 January to 31 December 2026.

PRESENTATION OF THE WORK OF THE SECRETARIAT IN 2024

The Coordinator of the Secretariat presented an overview of the Secretariat's work and activities since the last meeting of the Management Board in April 2024.

The Management Board welcomed the progress and achievements made, notably with regard to the successful launch of the register's new IT tool after the first major overhaul of the system and the implementation of new functionalities. It also took note of the delivery on the register's priorities in 2024 and welcomed the Secretariat's updated guidance for registrants and its continued efforts on data quality monitoring. It acknowledged the Secretariat's support to the institutions in the implementation of their respective measures on interest representation and its considerable efforts in seeking high quality standards in the register amidst increasing public and political expectations on transparency. In that context, the Secretary-General of the Commission thanked the Secretariat for its efforts in managing an increasing number of applications following the entry into force in January 2025 of the Commission's new decision on transparency measures concerning meetings held between Commission staff holding management functions and interest representatives.

ADOPTION OF THE 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The Management Board adopted the annual report for 2024, agreed to submit it to the signatory institutions and to publish it on the Transparency Register website.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL PRIORITIES AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2025

The Management Board adopted the annual priorities and the budget estimates for 2026.

The Board recalled that the IIA is in its fifth year of implementation and noted that the priorities for the Transparency Register in 2026 should focus on ensuring continuous consolidation of the Secretariat's working methods and procedures and enhancing further data quality in the register.

The Board noted that reliability of the register's content is essential in view of continued high levels of public scrutiny of both the register's database and the implementation of the associated measures in the institutions, including the high public demand on the Secretariat for efficient monitoring and investigations. It acknowledged the trend in increased numbers of applications and recalled that the Secretariat needs to command sufficient resources to be able to address effectively an increased monitoring workload. It highlighted the need for further streamlining the Secretariat's monitoring activities including by exploring further digitalisation tools and system functionalities to support such activities.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2027

The Management Board agreed on the draft preliminary budget estimates for 2027, on the understanding that these will be aligned with the annual priorities for 2027 and, as budget estimates, will be subject to a decision at the Board's next meeting.

MAPPING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IIA

In view of the process of reviewing the IIA, due by 2 July 2025 in accordance with Article 14(2) thereof, the Management Board endorsed the mapping report prepared by the Secretariat outlining the state of implementation of the IIA to date and reflecting the register's evolution as well as the Secretariat's acquired experience in performing its tasks. It noted that, without prejudice to the assessment by the signatory institutions on the review, the mapping report shows that the IIA has established a well-working register that remains suitable for the objectives sought by the institutions and that further improvements and reinforcements to the register can be made within the context of the current IIA.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is expected to take place in the second quarter of 2026.