



Secretariat of the Transparency Register

Minutes

Management Board Meeting

22 May 2026 – 11h

Brussels

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

The Chair welcomed the participants, noting that the Transparency Register remains one of the most prominent and relevant tools to enhance transparency concerning interest representation at the EU level. Commenting on the register's continued growth, the Chair pointed out that in 2025 the number of applications for registration in the register doubled and that the number of registrants increased by more than 25% compared to the previous year.

The Chair thanked the Secretariat for its work in managing this important transparency tool amid continued scrutiny and informed the Board that, on 20 March 2026, the President of the European Council published his [Code of conduct](#), pursuant to which the President and the members of his Cabinet commit to the principle of conditionality for meetings with interest representatives, as implemented through the Council's internal rules. The Chair also informed about updated rules for interactions with interest representatives in the Council, which enter into force on 1 July 2026, whereby the conditionality principle is extended to all staff, and the internal registering of meetings between GSC management (the Secretary-General, Directors-General and Deputy Directors-General) and interest representatives is extended to Directors.

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 Commission will chair the Board in 2027, followed by Parliament in 2028 and the Council in 2029.

Appointment of the Coordinator of the Secretariat

The Management Board renewed the term of the head of the transparency unit in Parliament, Ms. Radostina PARENTI, as Coordinator of the Secretariat for an additional year (1 January - 31 December 2027). 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 in 2024 and 2025.

PRESENTATION OF THE WORK OF THE SECRETARIAT IN 2025

The Coordinator of the Secretariat presented an overview of the Secretariat's work and activities since the last meeting of the Management Board in May 2025.

The Management Board took note of the delivery on the register's priorities in 2025 and welcomed the progress made and the Secretariat's achievements, notably in developing useful new IT functionalities and stepping up further its efforts on data quality monitoring, in particular in the context of a continued steep increase in the number of applicants and registrants as a result of the institutions' respective conditionality measures.

ADOPTION OF THE 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The Management Board adopted the annual report for 2025, agreed to submit it to the signatory institutions and to publish it on the Transparency Register website.

ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION OF THE SECRETARIAT'S RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Management Board adopted the Secretariat's rules of procedure and decided to publish these on the Transparency Register website.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL PRIORITIES AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2027

The Management Board adopted the annual priorities and the budget estimates for 2027.

The Board recalled that the IIA is in its sixth year, after the review of its implementation in 2025, and reminded that priorities for the Transparency Register in 2027 should focus on strengthening the Secretariat's working methods and users' compliance, while continuing to further enhance data quality monitoring through cross checking of information and interconnections of systems.

The Board noted the need for information on the Transparency Register to remain reliable in view of the continued high levels of public scrutiny of both the register and the signatory institutions' conditionality and transparency measures linked to it. It also noted the high

public demand on the Secretariat for efficient monitoring and investigations as well as the need for sufficient resources to be able to meet such demand.

The Board highlighted the need for further streamlining the Secretariat's monitoring activities including by continuing to explore further digitalisation tools to support those activities. It instructed the Secretariat to continue to improve the user-friendliness of the register's website and tools, including with targeted improvements to the registration process, as well as improved functionalities and features to facilitate the Secretariat's checks and their documentation trail.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2028

The Management Board agreed on the draft preliminary budget estimates for 2028, on the understanding that these will be aligned with the annual priorities for 2028 and, as budget estimates, will be subject to a decision at the Board's next meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is expected to take place in the second quarter of 2027.