Annual priorities for the Transparency Register in 2027

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 light of the ongoing considerable growth of the Register's size and the expansion of its mandatory use in the EU institutions, particular focus in 2027 should be given to enhancing further the efficiency, usability and transparency of the Register's operations and data quality.

To support this objective, the Secretariat should pursue the following priority projects:

1. Enhanced Transparency of connections between registrants

The Secretariat could develop improved functionalities enabling registrants to more clearly report organisational affiliations, including relationships such as parent and subsidiary companies, partnership networks or other links between structures. Establishing clearer interlinkages between related registrations would enhance transparency, facilitate cross-checking of information and provide a more comprehensive overview of organisational structures represented in the Register.

These improvements would also support the Secretariat's objective of further strengthening data quality and oversight across the Register's full population, in line with the target of implementing a three-year cycle for the systematic checking of all registrations following their initial validation. Additional monitoring mechanisms supported by artificial intelligence should lead to easier verification of data provided by interest representatives and result in improved overall data quality.

2. Follow-up to the Interoperability Study with Commission's accounting system

Following the conclusions of the ongoing study on interoperability between the Transparency Register and the European Commission's accounting IT system, the Secretariat could explore practical avenues for improving the interconnection of relevant datasets. Enhancing interoperability could contribute to providing more comprehensive, coherent and accessible information regarding EU grants received by registered entities. Such developments would strengthen the transparency framework by facilitating public access to information and improving the overall usability of EU transparency tools.

3. Strengthening Working Methods and Compliance

In light of the administrative experience acquired by the Secretariat in nearly five years of implementation of the IIA, rules of procedure for the Secretariat are submitted for adoption at the annual MB meeting in May 2026. Based on the experience gathered through data quality monitoring and operations of the Register with frequently encountered issues, the Secretariat should continue to identify elements in its guidance that could be improved or clarified further with a view to fostering enhanced compliance.

4. Targeted Improvements to the Registration Process

The Secretariat should continue its reflections and work towards further refining the registration process with a view to improving user-friendliness for applicants and the quality of information collected. This may include targeted adjustments to the registration form and related guidance as well as exploring mechanisms that facilitate the handling of a high number of applications.