



## Secretariat of the Transparency Register

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### **Annual priorities for the Transparency Register in 2022**

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.

2022 will be the first year of full implementation of the new IIA and, therefore, priorities are determined taking into account the need to ensure that the TR is fully operational and conforms to the rules and principles of the IIA.

#### **1. A fully operational Register**

The Secretariat shall carry out all necessary actions to ensure that the TR is fully operational and conforms to the rules and principles of the IIA. The Secretariat shall ensure that applicants and registrants are provided with user-friendly tools in order to apply to the TR or amend their registration data, fulfilling the new requirements resulting from the IIA. Applicants and registrants should be provided with all necessary helpdesk support and guidance during the 6-month transitional period from 20 September 2021 up until 20 March 2022. The Secretariat shall address any urgent IT security issue and/or concern arising from the functioning of the TR, in particular the new registration form.

#### **2. Streamlining internal procedures**

The Secretariat shall update its internal procedures to streamline its processes and adjust to the new tripartite cooperation scheme as well as to integrate all new developments. This process requires revising documents such as the Secretariat Handbook and the internal guide on data protection compliance, updating procedures in respect of the handling of requests for exercising the data subject's rights (Regulation (EU) 2018/1725) and of managing personal data breaches.

#### **3. Enhanced quality data**

The Secretariat shall monitor the transition of almost 13 000 registrants to the new registration form as well as the applications from all new registrants, with a view of achieving an optimal level of data quality in the TR. To facilitate the large-scale monitoring of amended registrations, new automatic quality check rules will need to be compiled and applied in 2022.

#### **4. EU login authentication – enhanced security**

Replacing the current authentication system for users by EU login is a project that will improve the security of the TR system, by replacing the current single shared account per organisation with a personal user account for each individual user. EU login allows 2-factor authentication and offers additional services like single sign on, a mobile app and functionalities for self-registration and password reset, allowing each organisation to manage the users who are allowed to access and update the organisation's registration data.

#### **5. State-of-the-art technology**

The performance of the 10-year old TR platform needs to be fully assessed in order to decide how to best modernise the tool, i.e. whether it should be replaced by a state-of-the-art digital platform adapting to contemporary technological and information security standards and enhancing user experience. On the basis of an in-depth IT assessment and taking into account user feedback, the Secretariat, shall report to the MB on how to best modernise the TR and bring it in line with the Digital Europe Strategy, so as to facilitate its use by the public and bring the TR closer to the EU citizens.

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

Communication and awareness-raising actions concerning the IIA and the changes to the TR should be intensified in 2022 and shall be directed to both internal (i.e. members and staff of the signatory institutions) and external stakeholders. In addition, the occasion of the 10-year anniversary from the establishment of the TR could be used to raise awareness of the tool and celebrate the joint achievement of the adoption of the new mandatory TR by the three signatory institutions of the IIA.

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

The European Court of Auditors will undertake a detailed audit of the TR in 2022. The Secretariat shall cooperate constructively with the auditors and shall provide all necessary information and support, on the understanding that the outcome of the audit could yield useful recommendations and input for the further evolution of the TR to be potentially included in the priorities for the year 2023.