

WORKSHOP

EU TRANSPARENCY REGISTER - LOBBYING, PARLIAMENT & PUBLIC TRUST

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Date 10 May 2017, 14:00 -17:30

Brussels **Paul Henri Spaak Building, room 4 B 1**

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 14:00 – 14:10 **Introductory remarks**
Welcome words and presentation of the aims and ambitions to exchange best practice at the workshop, and how it fits in the context of Parliament's preparations for the tri-partite negotiations for a new Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory Transparency Register, by **Chair of the AFCO Committee Danuta Hübner** (MEP).
- 14:10 – 14:45 **Panel I - National lobbying regulation**
Experience from the EU Member States with experience of the debate on national lobbying regulation [Olle Schmidt](#), former member of the Swedish Riksdag, [Dr. Dietmar Dokalik](#), Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice, [Stewart Stevenson](#) Member of the Scottish Parliament (video link-up), moderated by **Chair of the AFCO Committee Danuta Hübner** (MEP).
- 14:45- 15:00 **Q&A session**
Questions addressed to the moderator or panellists: MEPs, stakeholders and live tweets.
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Panel II - Effective implementation of lobbying regulation**
Best practices and technical aspects of lobbying regulation across Europe and the world moderated by the [EU Ombudsman Emily](#)

[O'Reilly](#) with the participation of responsible services in [Ireland](#) - [Sherry Perreault, Head of Lobbying Regulation, France](#) - [David Ginocchi, Chef du pôle juridique, HATVP](#), and video link-up with [Canada](#) - [Karen Shepherd, Commissioner of Lobbying](#).

16:00 - 16:30

Q&A session

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16:30 – 17:10

Panel III - Lobbying the European Parliament - finding the right balance between rights, obligations and public expectations

Lobbying is a constitutional right and MEPs are under the obligation to hear citizens' concerns, in line with their independent mandate. In this specific context, [academics](#) will explore public expectations of transparency from Members of the European Parliament, moderated by **Vice-President Sylvie Guillaume** (MEP). Participation of [Dr. Martin Nettesheim](#), Professor of Law at the University of Tübingen Law School, [Dr. Sabine Saurugger](#), Professor of Political Science, Sciences Po Grenoble and [Dr. David Marshall](#), Professor of Political Science, University of Reading.

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Closing remarks

Main conclusions drawn by **Vice-President Sylvie Guillaume** (MEP)