

**Question for written answer E-002903/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Clarifications regarding Transparency Register review

The interinstitutional agreement of June 2011 on the establishment of a joint Commission/Parliament Transparency Register foresees that the register shall be subject to a review no later than two years following its entry into operation.

A recent EU citizens' opinion survey<sup>1</sup> conducted in six Member States (Austria, the Czech Republic, France, the Netherlands, Spain and the UK) and involving over 6 000 respondents found that 80 % believe there should be mandatory regulation of lobbying to ensure a balanced participation of different interests in decision-making. This is in line with Parliament's resolution of 11 May 2011 in favour of a mandatory register for lobbyists.

1. How does the Commission intend to ensure that the views and suggestions of the EP and the citizens concerning improvement of the current Transparency Register can be fully expressed and taken into account in the forthcoming review process?
2. In particular, can the Commission clarify what the proposed timeline for this review is and what concrete steps it will take to make it a fully participative and open process?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.foeeurope.org/EUcitizenspoll>