

**Question for written answer E-006846/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Lobbying in Europe

On 15 April 2015, Transparency International published a report entitled 'Lobbying in Europe', which analyses lobbying and the attempts to regulate it in 19 European countries as well as in the three main European institutions (Parliament, Commission and Council).

With 30 000 lobbyists working Brussels to influence EU decisions, the report criticises the lack of regulation and the lack of transparency, integrity and equality of access in lobbying activities.

While the results for some Member States are worrying, the Council's score (19 points out of 100) is a particular cause for concern. The Commission scored 53 points and Parliament 37.

1. Is the Commission planning to propose new measures to provide a better framework for lobbying in the European institutions?
2. Why does it not make inclusion on the Transparency Register compulsory, and why does the register not apply to lobbying activities taking place in the Council?
3. Would it be possible to establish a system to identify the precise influence of lobbyists on the European legislative process?