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Subject: Lobbying in Europe

A recently published report by Transparency International (TI) warns that Europe must make urgent reforms to regulate the activity of lobbyists. The report, entitled *Lobbying in Europe: Hidden Influence, Privileged Access*, states that of the 19 European countries analysed, just seven have some kind of specific regulation or law on lobbying. According to TI, this gap in legislation means that business interests have virtually unrestricted influence over the everyday life of citizens.

How does the Commission intend to regulate the activity of lobby groups working at European level so that it is as transparent as possible, bearing in mind that the Commission's own register is insufficient and does not reflect the high number of lobby groups?