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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

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transparency, accountability and integrity in the EU institutions
(2015/2041(INI))

Amendment 1
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Is concerned *at* the misleading registration practices of economic interests in expert groups, which distort the number of such interests represented in both absolute and relative terms, as well as the imbalance vis-à-vis non-economic interests;

Amendment

1. Is concerned, *given its role in protecting the integrity of public decision-making, by* the misleading registration practices of economic interests in expert groups, which distort the number of such interests represented in both absolute and relative terms, as well as the imbalance vis-à-vis non-economic interests;

Or. en

Amendment 2
József Nagy

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Is concerned *at the misleading* registration practices of economic interests in expert groups, which distort the number of such interests represented in both absolute and relative terms, as well as the imbalance vis-à-vis non-economic interests;

Amendment

1. Is concerned *that some* registration practices of economic interests in expert groups *might be misleading* , which *could* distort the number of such interests represented in both absolute and relative terms, as well as the imbalance vis-à-vis non-economic *or political* interests;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Christofer Fjellner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Is concerned at the misleading registration practices of *economic* interests in *expert groups*, which distort the number of such interests represented in both absolute and relative terms, as well as the imbalance vis-à-vis *non-economic* interests;

Amendment

1. Is concerned at the misleading registration practices of interests in *public consultations*, which distort the number of such interests represented in both absolute and relative terms, as well as the imbalance vis-à-vis *economic* interests;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Urges the Commission to make sure consultations contain open questions leading to substantial policy discussion instead of merely seeking to confirm already chosen policy directions or options;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission to establish compulsory registers of lobbyists containing detailed information showing who is lobbying on behalf of whom, for what purpose and with what resources and funding;

Amendment 6
Nessa Childers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Insists, recalling its resolution of 22 October 2014 on the Council position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015, on the need for a legally binding framework replacing C(2010) 7649 Communication Framework for Commission Expert Groups: Horizontal Rules and Public Register, so as to achieve full and consistent implementation of the applicable rules across all Commission Directorates-General;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Christofer Fjellner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recognizes that expert groups need access to best available scientific expertise;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Urges the Commission to make a concrete proposal without further delay for the establishment of an Inter-Institutional Agreement on a mandatory Transparency Register, especially having in mind earlier statements and commitments made by the Juncker Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Lynn Boylan, Luke Ming Flanagan, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that a 2014 Eurobarometer survey revealed that 70% of the EU public believe that corruption is present in the EU institutions and therefore urges the EU institutions to urgently address this lack of public trust;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Nessa Childers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of a review of the classification of expert group members in the Register of expert groups; considers

that this exercise should bring the categorisation of members into line with that applied in the Transparency Register;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Christofer Fjellner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Understands that though strict criteria to ensure the independence of expert groups is of great importance, access to the best available expertise must at all times take precedent in order to ensure truly science based policy making;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Calls on the Commission to ensure public access to information on lobbying activities, in order to improve the transparency and integrity of the decision-making process in the EU institutions; believes that public access to information on lobbying activities is an essential right for EU citizens and necessary for due democratic practice;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the membership of expert groups and similar entities providing it with advice is accurately and consistently balanced and categorised as to the nature of the interests represented by members, in line with the European Ombudsman's recommendations in the context of own-initiative inquiry OI/6/2014/NF;

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Or. da

Amendment 14
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the membership of expert groups and similar entities providing it with advice is accurately and consistently balanced and categorised as to the nature of the interests represented by members, in line with the European Ombudsman's recommendations in the context of own-initiative inquiry OI/6/2014/NF;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the membership of expert groups and similar entities providing it with advice is accurately and consistently balanced and categorised as to the nature of the interests represented by members, in line with the European Ombudsman's recommendations in the context of own-initiative inquiry OI/6/2014/NF; ***calls on the Commission in particular to ensure that comprehensive declarations of interests for current and new members of expert groups are published, particularly for experts appointed in their personal capacity;***

Or. en

Amendment 15
Mark Demesmaeker

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the membership of expert groups and similar entities providing it with advice is accurately and consistently balanced and categorised as to the nature of the interests represented by members, in line with the European Ombudsman's recommendations in the context of own-initiative inquiry OI/6/2014/NF;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the membership of expert groups and similar entities providing it with advice is accurately and consistently balanced, ***with due regard to participants level of expertise and up-to-date experience of the issues under discussion***, and categorised as to the nature of the interests represented by members, in line with the European Ombudsman's recommendations in the context of own-initiative inquiry OI/6/2014/NF;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls on the Commission to ***ensure that the*** membership of expert groups and similar entities providing it with advice is accurately and consistently balanced and categorised as to the nature of the interests represented by members, in line with the European Ombudsman's recommendations in the context of own-initiative inquiry OI/6/2014/NF;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to ***enact legally binding measures and sanctions ensuring that*** membership of expert groups and similar entities providing it with advice is accurately and consistently balanced and categorised as to the nature of the interests represented by members, in line with the European Ombudsman's recommendations in the context of own-initiative inquiry OI/6/2014/NF;

Or. en

Amendment 17

József Nagy

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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2. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the membership of expert groups and similar entities providing it with advice is accurately and consistently balanced and categorised as to the nature of the interests represented by members, *in line with the European Ombudsman's recommendations in the context of own-initiative inquiry OI/6/2014/NF*;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the membership of expert groups and similar entities providing it with advice is accurately and consistently balanced and categorised as to the nature of the interests represented by members;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission in particular to review its 2002 "communication on general principles and standards for consultation of interested parties";

Or. en

Amendment 19

Nessa Childers

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Welcomes the Commission's commitment to introducing new

provisions on conflicts of interest of individuals appointed as members of expert groups in a personal capacity; stresses the need for all experts to submit a declaration of interests for publication on the expert groups register;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Lynn Boylan, Luke Ming Flanagan, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission to make minutes of expert group meetings available to the public on their website and further calls for all members of such expert groups who often have key influence on legislative matters to submit declarations of interest;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Calls on the Commission to ensure balanced participation in consultations by reflecting the diversity of stakeholders and providing better conditions including financial support when adequate for small stakeholders to participate;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Lynn Boylan, Luke Ming Flanagan, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Regrets that the Council as a key institution of influence in the EU legislative process has yet to adopt any form of a lobbying register, calls therefore on the Council to come forward as soon as possible with a mandatory lobbying register;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Call on the European Institutions and Agencies to refrain from inviting unregistered lobbyists to its hearings and other official events;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Lynn Boylan, Luke Ming Flanagan, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Highlights the need for independent experts in the EU agencies such as the European Food Safety Authority and for greater importance to be placed on

*eliminating conflicts of interests within
the panels of such agencies;*

Or. en

Amendment 25
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

*2d. Praises the European Parliament's
Research Service for the high quality of
their work; highlights the need for more
resources for it and to further guarantee
its administrative independence at the
service of the public interest;*

Or. en

Amendment 26
Lynn Boylan, Luke Ming Flanagan, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

*2d. Calls on the European Parliament to
consider creating an open database of
MEPs' declarations of interest which is
searchable to allow for greater
transparency and scrutiny by civil society;*

Or. en

Amendment 27
Lynn Boylan, Luke Ming Flanagan, Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2e. Calls on the EU institutions to establish or amend minimum 'cooling-off periods' for senior EU officials including MEPS before former public and elected officials can work in lobbying positions that may create or be seen to create conflicts of interest to avoid 'revolving door' situations; and calls in the meantime, for the publication of senior EU officials including MEPs who have left their institutions to work for private interests;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission to issue and disseminate timely public calls for applications for the selection of all expert group membership, to be contingent on registration in the Transparency Register, and to ensure compliance with the OECD Guidelines on Managing Conflict of Interest in the Public Service and due diligence in the screening thereof;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to issue and disseminate timely public calls for applications for the selection of all expert group membership, to be contingent on registration in the Transparency Register, and to ensure compliance with the OECD Guidelines on Managing Conflict of Interest in the Public Service and due diligence in the screening thereof ***on a yearly basis;***

Or. en

Amendment 29
József Nagy

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission to issue and disseminate timely public calls for applications for the selection of all expert group membership, to be contingent on registration in the Transparency Register, and to ensure compliance with the OECD Guidelines on Managing Conflict of Interest in the Public Service and due diligence in the screening thereof;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to issue and disseminate timely public calls for applications for the selection of all expert group membership ***in order to ensure that selection process is most transparent and inclusive***, to be contingent on registration in the Transparency Register, and to ensure compliance with the OECD Guidelines on Managing Conflict of Interest in the Public Service and due diligence in the screening thereof;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the European institutions to set up a publicly accessible internet repository for all position papers submitted by stakeholders; calls on the European institutions to include an obligation for all registered lobbyists to simultaneously submit a copy of all position papers they communicate to members or staff of the institutions to this repository;

Or. en

Amendment 31
József Nagy

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Notes that in order to ensure factual balanced participation special efforts should be made when publishing call for applications to reach the different relevant expertise sectors, be it from the scientific field or civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Nessa Childers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Holds the view that the requisition of extremely specific technical expertise is not valid ground to obviate a call for applications;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls for the Commission to monitor the independence of experts throughout the performance of their duties, given that new economic interests could emerge during that time;

Or. it

Amendment 34

Lynn Boylan, Luke Ming Flanagan, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on all EU institutions and their staff to refuse access to unregistered lobbyists and further calls for the EU Commission's TTIP negotiating team to be included in any such provisions;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Lynn Boylan, Luke Ming Flanagan, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Calls on the President of the Commission to extend the new transparency measures for Commissioners and Director-generals to other senior EU officials heavily involved in the legislative process who meet regularly with relevant stakeholders, such as Heads of Unit;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Lynn Boylan, Luke Ming Flanagan, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. Calls on the European Parliament to publish a list of all external visitors who

*are signed in by MEPs and their offices;
requests that this list be published on the
European Parliament's website in an
accessible and searchable format;*

Or. en

Amendment 37

Lynn Boylan, Luke Ming Flanagan, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3d. Calls on the EU institutions, in an effort to address the opacity of the complex negotiation and decision-making procedures in the legislative process to publish the negotiating positions of the three EU institutions which are used in trilogues to allow for public scrutiny of the process;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Highlights that the EU's research policy general objective of establishing public-private partnerships between companies and academia conflicts with the need of regulators in the EU for independent research on industry products; calls on the Commission to explore systemic safeguards to avoid conflicts of interests on industry products regulation and policy enforcement;

Amendment 39
Nessa Childers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Finds the overall level of disclosure of expert group proceedings and deliberations lacking; calls on the Commission to ensure that more detailed information is made available in a timely and aggregated fashion, particularly as concerns sub-groups;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Lynn Boylan, Luke Ming Flanagan, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Encourages the Vice-President of the Commission in charge of Better Regulation, Inter-Institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights to maintain his pledge and come forward with proposals before the end of 2015 to make the transparency register legally mandatory and to ensure that there are proper sanction mechanisms for organisations which do not comply with the rules;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Calls on the Commission to address the current structural conflict of interests in the public risk assessment of regulated products, namely that these products' assessment is largely or solely based on studies performed by applicants or third parties paid by them, while independent research is all too often disregarded or dismissed; insists that producers should still provide studies, with cost-sharing between large companies and SMEs based on relative market share to ensure fairness, but that all assessors are obliged to fully take into account peer-reviewed independent science in their assessment;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes, José Bové

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Urges all the relevant EU institutions to implement Article 5.3 of the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in accordance with the recommendations contained in the guidelines thereto;

5. Urges all the relevant EU institutions to implement Article 5.3 of the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in accordance with the recommendations contained in the guidelines thereto; ***urges the Commission to publish the assessment on the PMI agreement and agreements with other tobacco companies and an impact assessment on the implementation of the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;***

Amendment 43
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Urges all the relevant EU institutions to implement Article 5.3 of the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in accordance with the recommendations contained in the guidelines thereto;

Amendment

5. Urges all the relevant EU institutions to implement Article 5.3 of the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, ***which stipulates that the Parties must act to protect tobacco control policies from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry***, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the guidelines thereto;

Or. it

Amendment 44
Lynn Boylan, Luke Ming Flanagan, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Urges all the relevant EU institutions to implement Article 5.3 of the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in accordance with the recommendations contained in the guidelines thereto;

Amendment

5. Urges all the relevant EU institutions to implement Article 5.3 of the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in accordance with the recommendations contained in the guidelines thereto; ***is disappointed with the recently published yet heavily redacted exchange of emails between the European Commission and the tobacco company British American Tobacco***;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes, José Bové

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Is convinced that the PMI agreement should not be negotiated before a public and transparent debate is held following the publication of the assessment of the PMI agreement; calls on the Commission to explore existing alternatives;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Nessa Childers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Considers that, in the absence of an overdue impact assessment by the Commission, a renewed Anti-Contraband and Anti-Counterfeit Agreement with the tobacco industry is an inadequate instrument to address illicit tobacco trade, particularly in light of article 15 of the Tobacco Products Directive and the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, adopted by the Parties to the World Health Organisation's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Highlights the need for Agencies to base their decisions on the best available evidence; reminds that scientific rigour is ensured by transparency and reproducibility of the results;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Nessa Childers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Stresses the need for a tracking and tracing system for cigarette counterfeiting that is independent from the tobacco industry, in line with Article 8.2 of the WHO Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, particularly in the absence of any referrals of seized contraband for independent laboratory assessment, given the vested industry interest in deeming seizures counterfeit under the terms of the Anti-Contraband and Anti-Counterfeit Agreement, with the attendant loss of customs revenue in the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

5c. Insists that all the data used by any Agency to reach any given scientific conclusion is made publicly available in a machine readable format so as to enable scientific scrutiny and constant progress; insists that while individual privacy must be respected, commercial confidentiality clauses and trade secrets legislation must not be allowed to impair the disclosure of data; calls on the Commission to closely monitor the proper implementation of data disclosure;

Or. en

Amendment 50
József Nagy

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

6.. Urges the EU agencies to establish much stricter criteria and procedures to ensure the independence of their scientific panels from the economic sectors regulated by them, in order to properly avoid conflicts of interest, with particular emphasis on the ability to use a status of 'invited specialists' making it possible to receive input from experts who have links to regulated industries but are disqualified from drafting or decision-making roles in scientific opinions.

6.. Urges the EU agencies to establish much stricter criteria and procedures to ensure the independence of their scientific panels from the economic ***and non-economic*** sectors regulated by them ***and from the influence of political parties having specific agenda on the concerned topic***, in order to properly avoid conflicts of interest, with particular emphasis on the ability to use a status of 'invited specialists' making it possible to receive input from experts who have links to regulated industries but are disqualified from drafting or decision-making roles in scientific opinions.

Or. en

Amendment 51
Christofer Fjellner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6.. Urges the EU agencies to establish ***much stricter*** criteria and procedures to ensure the independence of their scientific panels from the economic sectors regulated by them, in order to properly avoid conflicts of interest, with particular emphasis on the ability to use a status of ‘invited specialists’ making it possible to receive input from experts ***who have links to*** regulated industries but are disqualified from drafting or decision-making roles in scientific opinions.

Amendment

6.. Urges the EU agencies to establish ***strict*** criteria and procedures to ensure the independence of their scientific panels from the economic sectors regulated by them, in order to properly avoid conflicts of interest, with particular emphasis on the ability to use a status of ‘invited specialists’ making it possible to receive input from experts ***employed in*** regulated industries but are disqualified from drafting or decision-making roles in scientific opinions.

Or. en

Amendment 52
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Points out that the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union gives individuals the right of access to public documents, and criticises the fact that one of the main transparency-related problems facing the European institutions is their own frequent refusal to grant access to documents and information;

Or. it

Amendment 53
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to explore options encompassing legislative acts, institutional and administrative arrangements and to take concrete actions to create a framework to improve governance and explicitly represent the future generations to better integrate their rights into decision and policy making at European level;

Or. en

Amendment 54
József Nagy

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Notes that in the time of rising euro scepticism it is crucial to strengthen public trust in EU institutions and the people who run it; strong commitment to transparency, ensuring integrity of the institutions and fighting corruption are of utmost importance;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Christofer Fjellner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Welcomes private sector investment in

research and development; reminds that most experts have participated in research projects funded by the private sector; recalls that expertise is a scarce resource which should not be made inaccessible to expert groups;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Mark Demesmaeker

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Underlines that the Commission should strengthen the integrity of its use of scientific advice, in particular by not seeking political balance but rather by relying on the most objective and authoritative information available;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Eleonora Evi, Marco Affronte, Piernicola Pedicini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to streamline access to information and ensure greater transparency in the application of the rules on exceptions set out in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001;

Or. it

Amendment 58
Nessa Childers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Strongly recommends a cooling-off period of 5 years from commercial interests as a requirement for candidate-experts to participate as full members of scientific panels with drafting and decision-making duties;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls in EU institutions to ensure that Agencies are provided with the means of their mission; recalls that currently experts from a number of agencies are not paid for their work despite the strategic importance of their contributions towards public and environmental health;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Mark Demesmaeker

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Reiterates the Parliament's request for a mandatory EU Transparency Register,

which must apply to all European institutions, and asks the Commission and the Member States to put forward concrete proposals in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Welcomes the Commission's decision to require its members to make public information on meetings they and the members of their private offices hold with organisations and self-employed individuals on matters relating to EU policy making and policy implementation;

Or. it

Amendment 62
Nessa Childers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Stresses, as far as EU agencies are concerned, the inadequacy of reliance on self-assessment by prospective members of scientific panels and committees in order to screen for potential conflicts of interest; encourages the EU agencies to establish a system of proactive checks;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Affronte

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls on the Commission to ensure that access is provided to documents and information on formal notice and infringement proceedings taken against Member States and on the implementation of Court of Justice judgments;

Or. it

Amendment 64
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. Acknowledges and welcomes the Commission's efforts to ensure greater transparency in the TTIP negotiations, and calls on the Commission to take those efforts further and give private individuals and all of the Members of Parliament easy access to the texts under negotiation;

Or. it

Amendment 65
Nessa Childers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. Emphasises, in the interests of sound and independent scientific advice for

policy making, the importance of adequate resources for the development of in-house expertise within the EU specialised agencies, including the opportunity to conduct publishable research and testing, thus enhancing the attractiveness of regulatory science service in academic careers;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6d. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal for a compulsory register of lobbyists, and stresses that the European institutions need to be made more transparent if they are to be brought closer to the people;

Or. it

Amendment 67
Nessa Childers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6d. Suggests that, in order to address issues arising from the selective suppression of unfavourable research findings, prior registration of scientific studies and trials, stating the scope and expected date of conclusion, could be a condition for input into regulatory and policy processes.

Amendment 68
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6e. Calls on the Council to take part in the transparency register scheme, in order to enhance its own transparency;

Or. it

Amendment 69
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6f. Stresses that the European Medicines Agency (EMA) should ensure maximum transparency in providing access to clinical reports, and welcomes the agency's decision proactively to publish reports on clinical trials in support of its decisions on individual medicines;

Or. it