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# **AMENDMENT**

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**Draft opinion**  
**Sylvie Guillaume**  
(PE569.503v01-00)

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

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**Amendment 1**  
**Miroslav Poche**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of its intention to present, in 2016, a proposal for an inter-institutional agreement revising the Transparency Register for representatives of interest groups; insists that the consultations preceding the proposal take account, in a balanced way, of the different points of view expressed;

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of its intention to present, in 2016, a proposal for an inter-institutional agreement revising the Transparency Register for representatives of interest groups ***and calls for switching from a voluntary to a mandatory Register for all lobbying activities for any of the EU institutions***; insists that the consultations preceding the proposal take account, in a balanced way, of the different points of view expressed;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Josep-Maria Terricabras**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of its intention to present, in 2016, a proposal for ***an*** inter-institutional agreement ***revising the*** Transparency Register for representatives of interest groups; insists that the consultations preceding the proposal take account, in a balanced way, of the different points of view expressed;

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of its intention to present, in 2016, a proposal for ***a new*** inter-institutional agreement ***on a mandatory*** Transparency Register for representatives of interest groups ***with the participation of the Council***; insists that the consultations preceding the proposal take account, in a balanced way, of the different points of view expressed;

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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1. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of its intention to present, in 2016, a proposal for an inter-institutional agreement revising the Transparency Register for representatives of interest groups; insists that the consultations preceding the proposal take account, in a balanced way, of the different points of view expressed ***and do not in any case prevent the decision-making bodies from obtaining all relevant information;***

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Ana Gomes, Ignazio Corrao, Elly Schlein, Monica Macovei, Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávör, Marian Harkin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

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1. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of its intention to present, in 2016, a proposal for an inter-institutional agreement revising the Transparency Register for representatives of interest groups; insists that the consultations preceding the proposal take account, in a balanced way, of the different points of view expressed; ***believes that the level of transparency must be raised through the creation of a legislative footprint for EU lobbying, and by establishing a mandatory EU register for all lobbying activities for all of the EU institutions; points in this regard to the need for introducing annexes to Commission proposals and***

*reports of the EP, clearly indicating which lobbyists had a substantial effect on the text of these proposals and reports, and for creating the possibility for Members of Parliament, who wish to do so, of publishing on their official webpage of the Parliament, which lobbyists they have met;*

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávor**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

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*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of its intention to present, in 2016, a proposal for an inter-institutional agreement revising the Transparency Register for representatives of interest groups; *calls upon the Commission to submit its proposals for a mandatory register without further delay; points in this regard to the need for introducing annexes to Commission proposals and reports of the EP, clearly indicating which lobbyists had a substantial effect on the text of these proposals and reports, and for creating the possibility for Members of Parliament, who wish to do so, of publishing on their official webpage of the Parliament, which lobbyists they have met;*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský, Monika Hohlmeier, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Encourages MEPs and Council's representatives to voluntarily publish information about their meetings with stakeholders, as is the practice of the Commission,***

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávor**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Welcomes the Commission's intention to publish every two years a report on the state of play with regard to corruption in the EU; calls upon the Commission to submit without any further delay an addendum to its first anti-corruption report describing in detail the situation within the EU-institutions in this regard;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávor**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2. Calls on the Commission to continue with discussions on the EU's accession to the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) in order to ensure that the institutions uphold the anti-corruption standards of the Council of Europe;***

***2. Regrets that, despite many calls from the Parliament, the EU has not acceded yet to the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and calls on the Commission to come forward with a timeline for the EU's accession to GRECO in order to ensure that the***

institutions uphold the anti-corruption standards of the Council of Europe;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 9**

**Ana Gomes, Ignazio Corrao, Elly Schlein, Monica Macovei, Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávor, Marian Harkin**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2 a. Calls upon those European institutions who have introduced codes of conduct, including the Parliament, to step up their monitoring and implementation measures, such as the checks of declarations of financial interests; notes, in this regard, that monitoring and sanctioning bodies must be politically independent;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 10**

**Josep-Maria Terricabras**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Regrets the limited progress in ensuring the protection of whistleblowers and journalists, who can play a significant role in the fight against corruption; regrets, therefore, that the Commission has not responded to Parliament's request to examine the possibility of establishing a European whistleblower protection programme; calls on the Commission to present a communication on this subject by the end of 2016;

3. Regrets the limited progress in ensuring the protection of whistleblowers and journalists, who can play a significant role in the fight against corruption; regrets, therefore, that the Commission has not responded to Parliament's request to examine the possibility of establishing a European whistleblower protection programme; calls on the Commission to present a communication on this subject by the end of 2016; ***regrets as well the lack of***

*progress in addressing the abuse of defamation laws to intimidate journalists and others investigating corruption; calls in particular on the Commission to initiate discussion on legislation supporting the repeal of criminal penalties for defamation in Member States.*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 11**

**Tomáš Zdechovský, Monika Hohlmeier**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 3**

##### *Draft opinion*

**3. *Regrets the limited progress in ensuring the protection of whistleblowers and journalists, who can*** play a significant role in the fight against corruption; ***regrets***, therefore, ***that*** the Commission ***has not responded to Parliament's request to examine the possibility of establishing a European whistleblower protection programme; calls on the Commission to present a communication on this subject by the end of 2016;***

##### *Amendment*

**3. *Acknowledges that*** whistleblowers ***could*** play a significant role in the fight against corruption; ***asks***, therefore, the Commission ***to assess the situation regarding whistleblowers' rules on national level and consider a possible plan for setting up minimum rules for whistleblowers with adequate safeguards against misuse***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 12**

**Tomáš Zdechovský, Monika Hohlmeier**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 4**

##### *Draft opinion*

**4. Feels that a strong and independent European Public Prosecutor's Office *should be set up in order*** to combat offences against the Union's financial

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**4. Feels that a strong and independent European Public Prosecutor's Office *with clearly defined competences and responsibilities will help*** to combat



interests and to investigate, prosecute and bring the perpetrators of offences against the Union's financial interests to judgement; considers that any weaker solution would be detrimental to the Union budget;

offences against the Union's financial interests and to investigate, prosecute and bring the perpetrators of offences against the Union's financial interests to judgement; considers that any weaker solution would be detrimental to the Union budget; *encourages the Council to give a new impetus to the negotiations on the PIF Directive in order to strengthen the existing legal framework and to enhance the efficiency of the protection of EU financial interests.*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

*4. Feels that a strong and independent European Public Prosecutor's Office should be set up in order to combat offences against the Union's financial interests and to investigate, prosecute and bring the perpetrators of offences against the Union's financial interests to judgement; considers that any weaker solution would be detrimental to the Union budget;*

*Amendment*

*4. Calls upon the Commission to examine in detail why cases of suspected fraud which OLAF brought to the attention of Member States, did not lead to convictions by national authorities and how the quality of OLAF can be strengthened in order to effectively combat offences against the Union's financial interests;*

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Josep-Maria Terricabras**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Regrets the deadlock in the Council on

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the revision of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 on access to documents; calls for an *ambitious reform, which would be an undoubted step forward*;

the revision of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 on access to documents; calls for an *immediate update of the Regulations, as required by the Treaty of Lisbon; believes the Parliament should play an exemplary role by listing all available documents as part of an online register.*

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

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5. Regrets the deadlock in the Council on the revision of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 on access to documents; calls for an ambitious reform, which would be an undoubted step forward; *recalls that transparency enhances public trust in the EU institutions by allowing citizens to be informed about the EU decision-making process; the citizens should be informed accurately and in good time*;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Sophia in 't Veld**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Regrets the deadlock in the Council on the revision of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 on access to documents; calls for an ambitious reform, *which would be an undoubted step forward*;

*Amendment*

5. Regrets the deadlock in the Council on the revision of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 on *public* access to documents; calls for an ambitious reform; *reiterates that transparency of the EU's administration and law making process is essential to the*

*legitimacy of EU legislation and policies; emphasises that transparency is a corner stone of 'better regulation';*

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávor**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

**5. *Regrets the deadlock in the Council on the revision of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 on access to documents; calls for an ambitious reform, which would be an undoubted step forward;***

*Amendment*

**5. *Considers it unacceptable that the revision of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 is still stalled in the Council and urges the Council to adopt a constructive position, taking into account the Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 15 December 2011;***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

**6. *Recalls the*** need to improve the transparency of legislative negotiations, including trialogues.

*Amendment*

**6. *Suggests that there is a*** need to improve the transparency of legislative negotiations, including trialogues; ***notes in particular that, under Rule 73(4) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, after each trialogue the negotiating team must report to the committee responsible and make available to it documents reflecting the outcome of the last trialogue; calls, therefore, for both the oral report and the documents to contain detailed information on the state of the trialogue negotiations; calls furthermore***

*for a list of the dates of trialogue meetings and the names of the participants to be made publicly accessible.*

Or. de

**Amendment 19**  
**Josep-Maria Terricabras**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Recalls the need to improve the transparency of legislative negotiations, including trialogues.

*Amendment*

6. Recalls the need to improve the transparency of legislative negotiations, including trialogues; ***calls on the institutions, bodies and agencies of the EU to maintain up-to-date public figures on the number of classified documents they hold, according to their classification; calls on the Commission, the Council and Parliament to ensure the greater transparency of informal trialogues, by holding the meetings in public, publishing documentation including calendars, agendas, minutes, documents examined, amendments, decisions taken, information on Member State delegations and their positions and minutes, in a standardised and easy accessible online environment, by default and without prejudice to the exemptions listed in Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský, Monika Hohlmeier, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Recalls the need to improve the transparency of legislative negotiations, **including** trialogues.

*Amendment*

6. Recalls the need to improve the transparency of legislative negotiations, **nevertheless stresses that** trialogues **proved to be an effective instrument for reaching a consensus among the legislative bodies; suggests therefore that their transparency should be increased by reporting in the competent parliamentary committee on the developments of the state of play of the trilogue negotiations;**

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Sophia in 't Veld**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Recalls the need to improve the transparency of legislative negotiations, including trialogues.

*Amendment*

6. Recalls the need to improve the transparency of legislative negotiations, including trialogues; **reiterates its recommendation that each EU institution or body appoint from within its management structures a Transparency Officer, to be responsible for compliance and for improving practices;**

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávor**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Recalls the need to improve the transparency of legislative negotiations,

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including trialogues; *rejects the position taken by the Council in its letter to the Ombudsman in regard of the own-initiative inquiry that the organisation of trialogues is a political responsibility and falls outside the Ombudsman's mandate;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 23**

**Tomáš Zdechovský, Monika Hohlmeier**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6 a. Calls for an increased transparency of the EU Agencies and their relations to other EU bodies; stresses the importance of transparent processes of nomination, election or appointment of Agencies' representatives, especially in cases when the Parliament is included;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 24**

**Anna Maria Corazza Bildt**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6 a. It also stresses the importance of allowing adequate time between the achievement of a final agreement in trialogues and the vote of confirmation in the competent committee, so that Members of the competent committee are able to read the text and discuss it within their political groups before the final vote in committee;*

**Amendment 25**

**Ana Gomes, Ignazio Corrao, Elly Schlein, Monica Macovei, Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávor, Marian Harkin**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6 a. Considers the Commission's first biennial anti-corruption report was a promising attempt to oversee corruption in Member States; calls on the Commission to include an analysis of corruption risks in the EU institutions in the forthcoming 2016 report, along with an overview of the greatest corruption problems in Member States, policy recommendations to tackle them and follow up measures to be taken by the Commission, taking specifically into account the detrimental impact of corrupt activities in the functioning of the Internal Market;***

Or. en

**Amendment 26**

**Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávor**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6 a. Calls on the institutions involved to ensure in future that negotiations will be transparent and, to that end, to allow meetings to be held in public and webstreamed and to arrange for agendas, minutes, and the main documents relating to issues discussed to be published;***

**Amendment 27**  
**Sophia in 't Veld**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6 a. Notes that few of the recommendations of Parliament regarding transparency and access to documents have been implemented; calls upon the institutions to finally implement the recommendations of the Parliament's previous resolutions concerning public access to documents and transparency;***

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský, Monika Hohlmeier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6 b. Stresses that appropriate balance between privacy and data protection and transparency should be established;***

Or. en