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Development of the framework for the activities of interest representatives (lobbyists) in the European Institutions
(2007/2115(INI))

Amendment by Urszula Krupa

Amendment 1
Paragraph - 1 (new)

-1. *having regard to the large number of groups lobbying the EU institutions and to the enormous influence they have on the decision-making process,*

Or. pl

Amendment by Urszula Krupa

Amendment 2
Paragraph - 1 a (new)

-1a. *whereas the motives and goals underpinning the activities of lobby groups need to be clearly identified, given that there is a thin line between lobbying and corruption,*

Or. pl

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Amendment by Chris Davies

Amendment 3

Paragraph 1

1. Recognises the significant influence of lobbying on EU decision making and therefore the need for clear rules; ***calls for the establishment of a voluntary register of representation and lobbying to embrace all EU institutions and to make provision for voluntary financial declarations;***

Or. en

Amendment by Urszula Krupa

Amendment 4

Paragraph 1

1. Recognises the significant influence of lobbying on ***(deletion)*** decision making ***within the EU institutions*** and therefore the need for clear rules ***covering among other things boundaries, definitions and differences between lobbying and corruption, with a view to preventing corruption;*** believes that a credible and effective registration and reporting system in all EU institutions, including financial disclosure, has to be mandatory for all lobbyists and be linked to a common code of ethical behaviour; it should also include an independent implementation and sanction mechanism;

Or. pl

Amendment by Anne Ferreira

Amendment 5

Paragraph 1

1. Recognises the significant influence of lobbying on EU decision making and therefore the need for clear rules; believes that a credible and effective registration and reporting system in all EU institutions, including financial disclosure, has to be mandatory for all lobbyists and be linked to a common code of ethical behaviour; it should also include an independent implementation and sanction mechanism; ***calls for the documents concerning lobbying, particularly the common code of ethics and declarations of interests, to be made public, and for the public to have easy access to them;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Bairbre de Brún

Amendment 6

Paragraph 1

1. Recognises the significant influence of lobbying on EU decision making and therefore the need for clear rules; believes that a credible and effective **electronic** registration and reporting system in all EU institutions, including financial disclosure, has to be mandatory for all lobbyists and be linked to a common code of ethical behaviour; it **must** also include an independent implementation and sanction mechanism;

Or. en

Amendment by Bairbre de Brún

Amendment 7

Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Considers that the mandatory registration and reporting system needs to include, as a minimum, the following information¹:

- **the name(s) of lobbyist(s);**
- **contact information;**
- **interests and/or bodies represented; and**
- **financial disclosure including detailed information on expenses;**

Or. en

Amendment by Bairbre de Brún

Amendment 8

Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Calls for a common code of conduct for all lobbyists to be proposed by the Commission and agreed by the European Parliament and the Council;

Or. en

¹ **Information to be updated once a year.**

Amendment by Urszula Krupa

Amendment 9
Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Draws its Members attention to the overriding purpose of their activities, namely to ensure the dignity and wellbeing of the citizens of the Member States, which are often in conflict with or threatened by supranational corporations and groups;

Or. pl

Amendment by Chris Davies

Amendment 10
Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Believes that the register should be updated weekly and should be publicly available, and that all persons visiting the EU institutions for the purpose of making representations or lobbying should be informed of its existence and encouraged to comply with its requirements in the interests of openness and transparency;

Or. en

Amendment by Chris Davies

Amendment 11
Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Urges Members of the European Parliament and officials working for the EU institutions to consult the register before meeting with representatives and lobbyists;

Or. en

Amendment by Dorette Corbey

Amendment 12
Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Considers that Members of the European Parliament have a responsibility of their own to ensure that they receive balanced information; stresses that Members of the European Parliament must be deemed capable of making political decisions independently of lobbyists;

Or. nl

Amendment by Dorette Corbey

Amendment 13
Paragraph 1 a (new)

- 1a. Considers that Members of the European Parliament also have a responsibility of their own to work transparently; advocates therefore adopting an approach whereby, if Members table an amendment which they have received from a business, an NGO or any other organisation, they should indicate this in the justification for the amendment;**

Or. nl

Amendment by Anne Ferreira

Amendment 14
Paragraph 2

2. Calls upon the Commission to clarify the role of its special advisors and clearly define what constitutes **linked interests or a conflict of interests; considers that no special adviser who has a conflict of interests may be employed by the European institutions; calls upon the Commission** to clarify the exact purposes of its high level and expert groups and set guidelines for ensuring a balanced representation of diverse sectors of society; **stresses that no expert who has a conflict of interests may be a member of a committee of experts and that only a hearing in his field of expertise may be accepted; calls upon the Commission** to publish on its websites a searchable register of all groups' membership, including *commitology* committees, their meeting agendas and documents; to ensure transparency for the establishment of new such groups;

Or. fr

Amendment by Urszula Krupa

Amendment 15
Paragraph 2

2. Calls upon the Commission to clarify the role **and background** of its **(deletion)** advisors **and to make their curriculum vitae publicly available** and clearly define what constitutes a conflict of interests; to clarify the exact purposes of its high level and expert groups and set guidelines for ensuring a balanced representation of diverse sectors of society **and national groups**; to publish on its websites a searchable register of all groups' membership, including *comitology* committees, their meeting agendas and documents; to ensure transparency for the establishment of new such groups;

Or. pl

Amendment by Andres Tarand

Amendment 16
Paragraph 2

2. Calls upon the Commission to clarify the role of its special advisors and clearly define what constitutes a conflict of interests; ***to intervene when such conflicts are obvious***; to clarify the exact purposes of its high level and expert groups and set guidelines for ensuring a balanced representation of diverse sectors of society; to publish on its websites a searchable register of all groups' membership, including comitology committees, their meeting agendas and documents; to ensure transparency for the establishment of new such groups;

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Ferreira

Amendment 17
Paragraph 2 a (new)

- 2a. ***Calls on the Commission to protect and recognise people who 'sound the alarm' on the same footing as other interest representatives;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Anne Ferreira

Amendment 18
Paragraph 2 a (new)

- 2a. ***Recalls that those who 'sound the alarm' are people active in the field of research, business or civil society who have occasion to sound the alarm because of the dangers or risks arising from particular research or product development, and stresses the need, therefore, to adopt provisions governing the status of people who 'sound the alarm', similar to those adopted in certain Member States;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Urszula Krupa

Amendment 19
Paragraph 4

4. Calls upon the Commission to report on all officials having left the services of this Commission to take up a new job that is related to his/her former field of work within two years of leaving the service, ***with particular reference to employment in lobby firms as an advisor, consultant or assistant***, and any conditions or prohibitions it has adopted pursuant to Article 16 of the Staff Regulations;

Or. pl

Amendment by Andres Tarand

Amendment 20
Paragraph 4

4. Calls upon the Commission to report on all officials having left the services of this Commission, ***definitively or for a time-limited sabbatical***, to take up a new job that is related to his/her former field of work within two years of leaving the service, and any conditions or prohibitions it has adopted pursuant to Article 16 of the Staff Regulations;

Or. en

Amendment by Jules Maaten

Amendment 21
Paragraph 5

5. ***Calls upon*** the Commission to provide a detailed list of all staff or experts working at the Commission and being remunerated by the private, ***national governmental*** or non-governmental sector, including who is remunerating them, what services they work for and what files they work on ***in order to provide information on the activities at European level of staff seconded by national governments and other experts***;

Or. nl

Amendment by Antonio De Blasio

Amendment 22
Paragraph 5

5. Urges the Commission to provide a detailed list of all staff or experts working at the Commission ***and in the Cabinets of Commissioners*** and being remunerated by the private or non-governmental sector, including who is remunerating them, what services they work for and what files they work on;

Or. en

Amendment by Urszula Krupa

Amendment 23
Paragraph 5

5. Urges the Commission to provide a detailed list of all staff or experts working at the Commission and being remunerated by the private or non-governmental sector, including who is remunerating them, ***how long they have been employed and on what type of contract***, what services they work for and what files they work on;

Or. pl

Amendment by Bairbre de Brún

Amendment 24
Paragraph 5

5. Urges the Commission to provide a detailed list of all staff or experts working at the Commission and being remunerated by the private or non-governmental sector, including who is remunerating them, what services they work for, and what files they work on ***and have worked on since taking up duty at the Commission***;

Or. en

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 25
Paragraph 5 a (new)

- 5a. Asks the Commission and the European Parliament to publish a detailed list of all seconded national experts, the services they work for and the files they work on, as well as the national administration that seconded them;***

Or. en

Amendment by Andres Tarand

Amendment 26

Paragraph 6

6. Calls upon the Parliament to publish on its website a comprehensive and complete list of *all* existing ***cross-party groups involving MEPs, including official*** Intergroups, ***unregistered intergroups and MEP-industry forums, and to publish*** their members, meeting agendas and documents ***as well as their financial supporters;***

Or. en

Amendment by Dorette Corbey, Kathalijne Maria Buitenweg

Amendment 27

Paragraph 6

6. Calls upon the Parliament to publish on its website a comprehensive and complete list of existing Intergroups, their members, meeting agendas and documents, ***but considers that information must be complete; calls upon Parliament, therefore, to publish lists of all organised breakfasts, lunches and dinners held at Parliament, including the names of sponsors and the subject of discussion; urges Parliament also to keep a register of journeys paid for by sponsors for Members, indicating the cost, the sponsor, the participants and the purpose of the journey;***

Or. nl

Amendment by Claude Turmes

Amendment 28

Paragraph 6 a (new)

- 6a. Calls upon the Parliament to publish on its website a comprehensive and complete list of all lobby events hosted by Members of Parliament, including at least the agenda and sponsors;***

Or. en

Amendment by Chris Davies

Amendment 29
Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. *Believes that the European Parliament should take a lead by adopting a policy of best practice with regard to the requirements for registration of Members' interests; calls on the Parliament's Bureau to commission a study of the policies of each of the Member States' parliaments and thereafter to recommend what improvements may be required to the procedures of this House.*

Or. en

Amendment by Satu Hassi

Amendment 30
Paragraph 6 a (new)

5a. *Calls upon Parliament to establish clear rules requiring Members of Parliament to keep an up-to-date public register of meetings with professional lobbyists and stakeholder representatives on those files for which they act as rapporteur, shadow rapporteur or draftsman, and to keep a public archive of the proposals they received from the abovementioned representatives;*

Or. en

Amendment by Satu Hassi

Amendment 31
Recital 6 a (new)

5a. *Calls upon Parliament to establish clear rules with regard to conflicts of interest to ensure that Members of Parliament cannot become shadow rapporteur or draftsman on issues in which they or their family members, employer or election campaign funder have an economic interest;*

Or. en