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## AMENDMENTS 1-17

### Draft opinion

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**Søren Bo Søndergaard**

Development of the framework for the activities of interest representatives (lobbyists) in the European institutions  
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Amendment by Marco Cappato

Amendment 1

Paragraph 1

- 1 Recognises the significant *importance and* influence of lobbying *and of the expertise provided by lobbies and NGOs* on EU decision making and therefore the need for regulation;

Or. en

Amendment by Marco Cappato

Amendment 2

Paragraph 2

2. Believes that only a *common* mandatory register *for all EU institutions* with *forms of* financial disclosure for all *lobbies and* lobbyists, *respectful of transparency and privacy principles*, will be an efficient tool in helping to identify and assess the strength of the most important driving forces behind a given lobbying activity. The register must be linked to a code of ethical behaviour (*deletion*) common to all the EU institutions;

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Amendment by Marianne Mikko

Amendment 3

Paragraph 2

2. Believes that only a mandatory register *of activities* with *(deletion)* disclosure *of own and client interests in sufficient detail* for all lobbyists will be an efficient tool in helping to identify and assess the strength of the most important driving forces behind a given lobbying activity. The register must be linked to a code of ethical behaviour preferably common to all the EU institutions;

Or. en

Amendment by Marianne Mikko

Amendment 4

Paragraph 3

3. Believes that a step towards having one common register for all the EU institutions could be taken by making it mandatory for lobbyists to be *registered with both Parliament and the Commission* in order to be able to access the premises of *either institution*;

Or. en

Amendment by Marco Cappato

Amendment 5

Paragraph 3

3. Believes that a *first* step towards having one common register for all the EU institutions could be taken by making it mandatory for lobbyists to be in the European Commission's register in order to be able to access the premises of the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment by Søren Bo Søndergaard

Amendment 6  
Paragraph 3 a (new)

**3a. *Regards the income approach chosen by the Commission as mandatory, minimum rules. Believes that in addition lobbyists should be obliged to disclose lobbying expenditure among other things by giving the same information on lobbying expenditure spent on MEPs as MEPs are obliged to disclose in their financial declarations;***

Or. en

Amendment by Marco Cappato

Amendment 7  
Paragraph 3 a (new)

**3a. *Considers that registration in the common register of the EU should also enable lobbies and NGO personnel to access EU buildings, taking into consideration the specific differences between institutions and their functions: while Parliament works in public, and access to committee rooms by the public can only be limited in exceptional circumstances, access to offices areas could eventually be reviewed to ensure the necessary privacy and optimal working conditions for MEPs, their assistants, political group staff and Parliament's secretariat; in this respect asks Parliament's competent services to work faster towards ensuring that the work of Parliament's committees are posted on the Internet;***

Or. en

Amendment by Roselyne Lefrançois

Amendment 8  
Paragraph 5

**5. *Calls for a monitoring mechanism (**deletion**) to scrutinise and assure the accuracy of the information in the register; **given the considerable amount of information involved, suggests that this monitoring work be carried out by an ad hoc body consisting, for example, of administrative staff or of persons recruited specifically for the task, and that it be subject to a right of oversight by the European Parliament;*****

Or. fr

Amendment by Søren Bo Søndergaard

Amendment 9  
Paragraph 5

5. Calls for a monitoring mechanism (i.e. the Quaestors or a committee of senior MEPs) to scrutinise and assure the accuracy of the information in the register ***and considers it important that sufficient resources (staff and money) are granted for that purpose;***

Or. en

Amendment by Marianne Mikko

Amendment 10  
Paragraph 5

5. Calls for a monitoring mechanism (***e.g. a committee of MEPs not holding any other significant positions in Parliament***) to scrutinise and assure the accuracy of the information in the register;

Or. en

Amendment by Marco Cappato

Amendment 11  
Paragraph 5

5. Calls for a monitoring mechanism (i.e. the Quaestors (***deletion***)) to scrutinise and assure the accuracy of the information in the register;

Or. en

Amendment by Roselyne Lefrançois

Amendment 12  
Paragraph 6

6. Believes that sanctions should apply to lobbyists who (***deletion***) have ***intentionally*** given unsatisfactory or false information; ***considers that, under a mandatory registration system, suspension of registration and, in the most serious cases,***

*removal from the register are proportionate sanctions and represent a sufficient deterrent;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Marco Cappato

Amendment 13

Paragraph 6

6. Believes that sanctions should apply to lobbyists who on several occasions have given unsatisfactory or false information, *such as the temporary or permanent withdrawal of badges;*

Or. en

Amendment by Philip Bradbourn

Amendment 14

Paragraph 6 a (new)

- 6a. *Calls for Parliament's Bureau or the Quaestors to look into ways of restricting unauthorised access to the levels where Members' offices are situated in Parliament's buildings;*

Or. en

Amendment by Marco Cappato

Amendment 15

Paragraph 7

7. Calls on the Conference of Presidents to publish a list of all existing intergroups (including members, meeting agendas and documents) on its website, *as well as of the lobbies and NGOs supporting them and a specification of the type of support provided to them, notably in terms of human, material or financial resources;*

Or. en

Amendment by Marco Cappato

Amendment 16

Paragraph 8

8. Calls upon its Bureau to review the rules covering the activities of lobbyists three years at the latest after they enter into force to evaluate if the changed system is achieving the necessary transparency on lobbyists' activities; ***calls on the Commission to base any future initiative on lobbying activities in the EU on the legal basis provided by the Treaties concerning transparency and openness.***

Or. en

Amendment by Philip Bradbourn

Amendment 17

Paragraph 8 a (new)

- 8a. Raises concern about potential abuse by Commission-funded NGOs using public money to apply pressure on Parliament to influence policy in areas for which they have received direct funding, and calls for an investigation into NGO funding by Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control.***

Or. en