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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Ingeborg Gräßle
(PE584.123v02)

on Commissioners' declarations of interests - Guidelines
(2016/2080(INI))

Amendment 1
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas overall the current Commission Members' declarations of financial interests can be considered an improvement on the handling of declarations in 2008-2009;

Amendment

deleted

Or. el

Amendment 2
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas overall the current Commission Members' declarations of financial interests can be considered an improvement on the handling of declarations in 2008-2009;

Amendment

A. whereas overall the current Commission Members' declarations of financial interests can be considered an improvement on the handling of declarations in 2008-2009, ***but there has been no shortage of episodes which have necessitated a subsequent clarification of certain declarations of interests;***

Or. it

Amendment 3
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. *Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 245 thereof;*

Or. es

Amendment 4
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the Code of Conduct for Commissioners adopted in 2011 fails to address several of Parliament's recommendations for improvements, in particular as regards the declarations of financial interests of Members of the Commission;

Amendment

B. whereas the Code of Conduct for Commissioners adopted in 2011 fails to address several of Parliament's recommendations for improvements, in particular as regards the declarations of financial interests of Members of the Commission; ***whereas in this context the positions adopted by Parliament regarding the changes and improvements to the procedure for hearing Commissioners-designate should also be recalled;***

Or. it

Amendment 5
Benedek Jávor, Marian Harkin, Monica Macovei

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the Code of Conduct for Commissioners adopted in 2011 fails to address several of Parliament's recommendations for improvements, in particular as regards the declarations of

Amendment

B. whereas the Code of Conduct for Commissioners adopted in 2011 fails to ***sufficiently*** address several of Parliament's recommendations for improvements, in particular as regards the declarations of

financial interests of Members of the Commission;

financial interests of Members of the Commission, *the post-office employment restrictions and the strengthening of the ad-hoc Ethical Committee responsible for the assessment of conflicts of interests*;

Or. en

Amendment 6 **Inés Ayala Sender**

Draft opinion **Recital B**

Draft opinion

B. whereas the Code of Conduct for Commissioners adopted *in* 2011 fails to address *several of* Parliament's recommendations for improvements, in particular as regards the declarations of financial interests of Members of the Commission;

Amendment

B. whereas the Code of Conduct for Commissioners adopted *on 20 April 2011 (C(2011) 2904) did not make any substantial improvements on the previous Code from 2004, and* fails to address Parliament's recommendations for improvements, in particular as regards the declarations of financial interests of Members of the Commission;

Or. es

Amendment 7 **Notis Marias**

Draft opinion **Recital B**

Draft opinion

B. whereas the Code of Conduct for Commissioners adopted in 2011 fails to address several of Parliament's recommendations for improvements, in particular as regards the declarations of financial interests of Members of the Commission;

Amendment

B. whereas *it is to be deplored that* the Code of Conduct for Commissioners adopted in 2011 fails to address several of Parliament's recommendations for improvements, in particular as regards the declarations of financial interests of Members of the Commission;

Or. el

Amendment 8
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas improving governance with a specific focus on ethics within the EU institutions will reinforce citizens' trust in the EU;

Amendment

C. whereas improving governance with a specific focus on ethics within the EU institutions will reinforce citizens' trust in the EU, ***particularly in the light of the more ample political mandate entrusted to the Commission since the Lisbon Treaty;***

Or. it

Amendment 9
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas ***improving governance with a specific focus on*** ethics within the EU institutions ***will reinforce*** citizens' trust in ***the EU;***

Amendment

C. whereas ***one of the pillars of European governance is the strengthening of ethics and transparency*** within the EU institutions ***in order to improve European*** citizens' trust in ***them;***

Or. es

Amendment 10
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas improving governance with a specific focus on ethics within the

Amendment

C. whereas improving governance with a specific focus on ethics ***and***

EU institutions will reinforce citizens' trust in the EU;

transparency within the EU institutions will reinforce citizens' trust in the EU;

Or. el

Amendment 11
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. *Notes that the Code of Conduct for Commissioners adopted on 20 April 2011 (C (2011) 2904) presents improvements over the preceding code adopted in 2004 as regards the financial declaration of interests since disclosure requirements were extended to Commissioners' partners and because the declaration of interests needs to be revised when information changes and at least every year;*

Amendment

1. *Calls on the Commission to revise the 2011 Code of Conduct for Commissioners as a matter of urgency in order to take account of the recommendations made by Parliament in its recent resolutions and of the development of the general ethics and transparency standards that apply to all EU institutions;*

Or. es

Amendment 12
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the Code of Conduct for Commissioners adopted on 20 April 2011 (C (2011) 2904) presents improvements over the preceding code adopted in 2004 as regards the financial declaration of interests since disclosure requirements were extended to Commissioners' partners and because the declaration of interests needs to be revised when information changes and at least every year;

Amendment

1. Notes that the Code of Conduct for Commissioners adopted on 20 April 2011 (C (2011) 2904) *regarding impartiality, integrity, transparency, diligence, probity, responsibility and discretion* presents improvements over the preceding code adopted in 2004 as regards the financial declaration of interests since disclosure requirements were extended to Commissioners' partners and because the

declaration of interests needs to be revised when information changes and at least every year;

Or. el

Amendment 13 **Notis Marias**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Regrets that the 2011 code of conduct has failed to address all the recommendations issued by Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control on 2 March 2011¹ *and points out, in particular, that Commissioners are not required to declare all their financial interests or assets but only those interests or assets 'which might create a conflict of interest in the performance of their duties', that there is no requirement to declare debts and liabilities and that dependent children are not required to produce the same information as spouses;*

¹ Letter from Mr De Magistris, chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control, to Mr Lehne, Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs.

Amendment

2. Regrets that the 2011 code of conduct has failed to address all the recommendations issued by Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control on 2 March 2011¹;

¹ Letter from Mr De Magistris, chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control, to Mr Lehne, Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs.

Or. el

Amendment 14 **Benedek Jávor, Tomáš Zdechovský, Marian Harkin, Monica Macovei**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. **Regrets** that the 2011 code of conduct has failed to address all the recommendations issued by Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control on 2 March 2011¹ and points out, in particular, that Commissioners **are not** required to declare all their financial interests or assets **but** only those interests or assets 'which might create a conflict of interest in the performance of their duties', that there is no requirement to declare debts and liabilities and that dependent children are not required to produce the same information as spouses;

¹ Letter from Mr De Magistris, chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control, to Mr Lehne, Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs.

Amendment

2. **Denounces the fact** that the 2011 code of conduct has failed to address all the recommendations issued by Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control on 2 March 2011¹ and points out, in particular, that Commissioners **should be** required to declare all their financial interests or assets **and not** only those interests or assets 'which might create a conflict of interest in the performance of their duties', that there is no requirement to declare debts and liabilities and that dependent children are not required to produce the same information as spouses;

¹ Letter from Mr De Magistris, chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control, to Mr Lehne, Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs.

Or. en

Amendment 15
Julia Pitera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. **Stresses in particular that the Commissioners are expected to make their own judgement on what might create a conflict of interest in the absence of a clear definition to guide them;**

Amendment

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 16
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses in particular that the Commissioners are expected to make their own judgement on what might create a conflict of interest in the absence of a clear definition to guide them;

Amendment

3. Stresses in particular that the Commissioners are expected to make their own judgement on what might create a conflict of interest in the absence of a clear definition to guide them, ***particularly in the light of the particular role of guarantor of the Community interest assigned to the Commission by the Treaties;***

Or. it

Amendment 17

Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses in particular that the Commissioners ***are expected to*** make their own judgement on what might create a conflict of interest in the absence of a clear definition to guide them;

Amendment

3. ***Considers that conflict of interests can only be assessed by an independent third party and*** stresses in particular that the Commissioners ***cannot*** make their own judgement on what might create a conflict of interest in the absence of a clear definition to guide them;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment

3. Stresses in particular that the Commissioners are expected to make their

own judgement on what might create a conflict of interest in the absence of a clear definition to guide them;

own judgement on what might create a conflict of interest in the absence of a clear definition *or regulatory framework* to guide them;

Or. el

Amendment 19
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Calls for immediate clarification as to what financial interests and assets might lead to a conflict of interest in carrying out the duties of Commissioners;*

Or. el

Amendment 20
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 – introductory part

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. *Points out* that the updated study on ‘The Code of conduct for Commissioners - Improving effectiveness and efficiency’ (IP/D/CONT/IC/2014-053) detected a number of deficiencies in the declarations of interests of the current Members of the Commission, mainly:

4. *Expresses concern regarding* the updated study on ‘The Code of conduct for Commissioners - Improving effectiveness and efficiency’ (IP/D/CONT/IC/2014-053), **which** detected a number of deficiencies in the declarations of interests of the current Members of the Commission, mainly:

Or. el

Amendment 21
Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 – point c

Draft opinion

(c) with regard to the declaration of possession of company shares, stock and other property;

Amendment

(c) with regard to the declaration of possession of company shares, stock and other property ***or rights representing assets and other intangible assets***;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Benedek Jávor, Tomáš Zdechovský, Marian Harkin, Monica Macovei

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Regrets the code of conduct fails to adequately codify the requirement under the Article 245 TFEU that "both during and after their term of office, Commissioners will respect the obligations... in particular their duty to behave with integrity and discretion as regards the acceptance, after they have ceased to hold office, of certain appointments or benefits."

Or. en

Amendment 23
Claudia Schmidt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Agrees that an ex-post control of the existing data sets must be conducted, because that is the only way in which conclusions can be drawn from the

present system of declarations of interest;

Or. de

Amendment 24
Claudia Schmidt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. *Agrees that an ex-post control of the existing data sets must be conducted, because that is the only way in which conclusions can be drawn from the present system of declarations of interest;*

Or. de

Amendment 25
Claudia Schmidt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. *Agrees that no hasty conclusions should be drawn which cannot be substantiated by facts from a comprehensive analysis of the data sets gathered to date;*

Or. de

Amendment 26
Claudia Schmidt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4d. *Considers that this analysis should be conducted soon and that the findings should be communicated to the committees responsible;*

Or. de

Amendment 27
Claudia Schmidt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4e. *Considers that the entry into force of the more stringent guidelines on Commissioners' declarations of interests should be announced only on the basis of these conclusions;*

Or. de

Amendment 28
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Regrets that the code of conduct fails to lay down any divestment requirements, despite the fact that such requirements are standard in any ethics regime;

5. Regrets that the code of conduct fails to lay down any divestment requirements, despite the fact that such requirements are standard in any ethics regime; ***regards it as a priority to regulate this aspect with the utmost despatch;***

Or. it

Amendment 29
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. *Regrets* that the code of conduct *fails* to lay down any divestment requirements, despite the fact that such requirements *are* standard in any ethics regime;

Amendment

5. *Deplores the failure of* the code of conduct to lay down any divestment requirements, despite the fact that such requirements *must be* standard in any ethics regime;

Or. el

Amendment 30
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Notes that the code of conduct does not stipulate any concrete time frame for submission of the declaration prior to Parliament's hearing of the Commissioners designate;

Amendment

6. Notes that the code of conduct does not stipulate any concrete time frame for submission of the declaration prior to Parliament's hearing of the Commissioners designate; *regards this requirement as a fundamental aspect of the revision of the procedure for hearing Commissioners-designate;*

Or. it

Amendment 31
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Regrets that the Commission does not report on the implementation of the

Amendment

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Code of Conduct for Commissioners, in particular as regards their declarations of interests and that the code of conduct *does not* provide for complaints or sanctions with regard to infringements with the exception of serious misconduct as referred to in Articles 245 and 247 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

Code of Conduct for Commissioners, in particular as regards their declarations of interests, and *considers* that the code of conduct *should be amended so as to* provide for complaints or sanctions with regard to infringements with the exception of serious misconduct as referred to in Articles 245 and 247 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

Or. it

Amendment 32

Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Regrets that the Commission does not report on the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Commissioners, in particular as regards their declarations of interests and that the code of conduct does not provide for complaints or sanctions with regard to infringements with the exception of serious misconduct as referred to in Articles 245 and 247 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

Amendment

8. Regrets that the Commission does not report *regularly* on the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Commissioners, in particular as regards their declarations of interests and that the code of conduct does not provide for complaints or sanctions with regard to infringements with the exception of serious misconduct as referred to in Articles 245 and 247 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Dennis de Jong, Marian Harkin, Ana Gomes, Monica Macovei

Draft opinion Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Regrets, in particular, the negative response by the President of the Commission to the request of the

European Ombudsman to proactively publish its decisions on the authorisation of post term-of-office activities of former Commissioners, as well as the opinions of the Ad Hoc Ethical Committee; emphasises in this respect that the mere publishing of the minutes of Commission meetings is insufficient to offer the Parliament and civil society an insight in the interpretation in practice of 'potential conflicts of interest' and the integrity policies developed in this respect by the Ad Hoc Ethical Committee;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali, Michael Theurer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Points out that all ex-Commissioners are banned for 18 months from lobbying "members of the European Commission and their staff for his/her business, client, or employer on matters for which they have been responsible" but are entitled to a very generous transitional allowance after they leave the Commission of between 40 and 65 per cent of their final basic salary for three years;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 – point c

Draft opinion

(c) there are no criteria for the President to decide on reallocation, nor any binding framework for informing Parliament or any procedure in place in the event of a Commissioner failing to notify a conflict of interest;

Amendment

(c) there are no criteria for the President to decide on reallocation, nor any binding framework for informing Parliament or any procedure in place in the event of a Commissioner failing to notify a conflict of interest ***or engaging in any activity incompatible with the nature of his or her duties;***

Or. el

Amendment 36
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Recommendations
– Points out that the absence of any conflict of interest must be an essential precondition to be met before the Commissioners’ hearings, and that therefore the financial interest declaration forms must be completed and made available before a Commissioner is heard by the relevant committee at Parliament, and that they should be reviewed at least once a year and each time there is a change to the information concerned;

Or. es

Amendment 37
Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. *Regrets that the code of conduct does not require former commissioners to make publicly available information on their meetings and telephone calls with officials of the European Institutions or officials of the governments of the Member States up to 10 years after they have ceased to hold office;*

Or. en

Amendment 38
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9b. *– Calls on the Commission, as it is ultimately responsible for ensuring the degree of transparency necessary for the proper functioning of the procedure to appoint Commissioners, to make substantial improvements to the Commissioners' financial interests declaration forms in order to enable Parliament to make an accurate assessment, firstly, of whether or not Commissioners have actual or potential conflicts of interest, and secondly, of the Commissioners' ability to carry out their mandate;*

Or. es

Amendment 39
Julia Pitera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point -a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(-a) that the concept of ‘conflict of interests’, based on the OECD definition, is included in the Code of Conduct, since the Code of Conduct for Commissioners is one of the core texts that apply to Commissioners when they take up their posts;

Or. pl

Amendment 40
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point a

Draft opinion

(a) that the Commissioners declare all financial interests, including assets and liabilities over *a certain value, e.g. EUR 10 000;*

Amendment

(a) that the Commissioners declare all financial interests, including assets and liabilities over **EUR 10 000;**

Or. en

Amendment 41
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point a a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(aa) Calls on Commissioners to declare all their interests (as shareholders, company board members, advisors and consultants, members of associated foundations, etc.) as regards all the companies in which they have been involved, including close family interests, as well as the changes that took place at the time their candidature was made

known;

Or. es

Amendment 42
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point b

Draft opinion

(b) that Commissioners' dependent family members disclose the same information as spouses or partners;

Amendment

(b) that Commissioners' dependent ***and/or direct*** family members disclose the same information as spouses or partners;

Or. es

Amendment 43
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point c

Draft opinion

(c) that Commissioners fully clarify the objectives of organisations with which they are involved, in order to establish whether any conflict of interest exists;

Amendment

(c) that Commissioners fully clarify the objectives of organisations with which they are involved ***and/or any matters of a primarily financial nature***, in order to establish whether any conflict of interest exists;

Or. el

Amendment 44
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point c

Draft opinion

(c) that Commissioners fully clarify the objectives of organisations with which they are involved, in order to establish whether any conflict of interest exists;

Amendment

(c) that Commissioners fully clarify the objectives of organisations with which they ***and/or their spouse and/or their dependent children*** are involved, in order to establish whether any conflict of interest exists;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 – point d

Draft opinion

(d) that Commissioners disclose their membership of any non-governmental organisations and any donations to NGOs of more than EUR 500;

Amendment

(d) that Commissioners disclose their membership of any non-governmental organisations, ***secret societies or associations which conceal their existence, carrying out activities intended to interfere with the exercise of the functions of public bodies,*** and any donations to NGOs of more than EUR 500;

Or. it

Amendment 46

Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 – point d

Draft opinion

(d) that Commissioners disclose their membership of any non-governmental organisations and any donations to NGOs of more than EUR 500;

Amendment

(d) that Commissioners ***in office suspend and former Commissioners*** disclose ***for 10 years*** their membership of any non-governmental organisations ***or trade unions,*** and any donations to NGOs of more than EUR 500;

Amendment 47
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point d

Draft opinion

(d) that Commissioners disclose their membership of any non-governmental organisations and any donations to NGOs of more than EUR 500;

Amendment

(d) that Commissioners ***and their dependent family members*** disclose their membership of any non-governmental organisations and any donations to NGOs of more than EUR 500;

Or. el

Amendment 48
Benedek Jávor, Marian Harkin, Monica Macovei

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point d a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(da) that the Code of Conduct be amended, in line with Article 245 TFEU to extend Commissioners' post-office employment restriction to three years;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point d b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(db) that the code of conduct include specific divestment requirements;

Amendment 50

Dennis de Jong, Marian Harkin, Ana Gomes, Monica Macovei, Benedek Jávor, Tomáš Zdechovský

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 – point e

Draft opinion

(e) that Commissioners designate submit their declarations within a specific time frame ***before their hearing*** in Parliament;

Amendment

(e) that Commissioners designate submit their declarations within a specific time frame ***so that the Ad Hoc Ethical Committee can submit to Parliament its views on potential conflicts of interests well in time for the hearings*** in Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 – point e

Draft opinion

(e) that Commissioners designate submit their declarations within a specific time frame before their hearing in Parliament;

Amendment

(e) that Commissioners designate submit their declarations within a specific time frame ***and in no case less than 30 days*** before their hearing in Parliament.

Or. el

Amendment 52

Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 – point e

Draft opinion

(e) that Commissioners designate submit their declarations within a specific time frame *before* their hearing in Parliament;

Amendment

(e) that Commissioners designate submit their declarations within a specific time frame *and sufficiently well in advance of* their hearing in Parliament;

Or. es

Amendment 53
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point e

Draft opinion

(e) that Commissioners designate submit their declarations within a specific time frame before their hearing in Parliament;

Amendment

(e) that Commissioners designate submit their declarations within a specific time frame *but not less than one month* before their hearing in Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Julia Pitera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point e a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(ea) that Commissioners only meet representatives of lobby groups that are included in the Transparency Register, which contains information on persons seeking to influence policymaking at the EU institutions;

Or. pl

Amendment 55
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point e a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(ea) that Commissioners submit, when nominated, a signed declaration confirming that they will appear before any of Parliament’s committees in relation to the activities involved in their mandate;

Or. es

Amendment 56
Dennis de Jong, Marian Harkin, Ana Gomes, Monica Macovei, Benedek Jávor, Tomáš Zdechovský

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point e a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(ea) that Commissioners designate include in their declarations all professional EU interest representation activities and all their financial interests in such activities in the past three years;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point g

Draft opinion

Amendment

(g) that the Commission *guides the Commissioners on how to implement* section 1.3 of the code of conduct, which stipulates that the Commissioners must declare any financial interest or asset

(g) that the Commission *revises* section 1.3 of the code of conduct, which stipulates that the Commissioners must declare any financial interest or asset which might create a conflict of interests in the

which might create a conflict of interests in the performance of their duties, and in particular on the definition of conflicts of interests;

performance of their duties, and in particular on the definition of conflicts of interests *in order to make sure that all financial interests and related rules are clearly defined and guides both Commissioners designate and Commissioners in office how to implement section 1.3 of the code of conduct fully and comprehensively;*

Or. en

Amendment 58
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point h

Draft opinion

(h) that the procedure for reallocating files in the event of a conflict of interests is improved in terms of taking into account the Commissioner's duties as a member of the College, introducing criteria for the President as regards the decision to reallocate files, implementing a binding procedure for cases in which a Commissioner fails to provide information about a possible conflict of interest and introducing a binding procedure for informing Parliament about the aforementioned cases;

Amendment

(h) that the procedure for reallocating files in the event of a conflict of interests is improved in terms of taking into account the Commissioner's duties as a member of the College, introducing criteria **regarding integrity and discretion** for the President as regards the decision to reallocate files, implementing a binding procedure for cases in which a Commissioner fails to provide information about a possible conflict of interest and introducing a binding procedure for informing Parliament about the aforementioned cases;

Or. el

Amendment 59
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point h

Draft opinion

(h) that the procedure for reallocating

Amendment

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files in the event of a conflict of interests is improved in terms of taking into account the Commissioner's duties as a member of the College, introducing criteria for the President as regards the decision to reallocate files, implementing a binding procedure for cases in which a Commissioner fails to provide information about a possible conflict of interest and introducing a binding procedure for informing Parliament about the aforementioned cases;

files in the event of a conflict of interests is improved in terms of taking into account the Commissioner's duties as a member of the College, introducing criteria for the President as regards the decision to reallocate files, implementing a binding procedure **and sanctions** for cases in which a Commissioner fails to provide information about a possible conflict of interest and introducing a binding procedure for informing Parliament about the aforementioned cases;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point i

Draft opinion

(i) that the Commission reports on an annual basis on the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Commissioners and provides for sanctions in the event of infringements of requirements, especially as regards the declaration of financial interests.

Amendment

(i) that the Commission reports on an annual basis on the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Commissioners and provides for **complaint procedures and sanctions** in the event of **not only serious misconduct but also** infringements of requirements, especially as regards the declaration of financial interests.

Or. el

Amendment 61
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point i a (new)

Draft opinion

(ia) that in the case of the President of the Commission – which, as a post with a greater impact in terms of visibility, carries a greater requirement for

Amendment

exemplary conduct – the Commission’s decision on an application to carry out an activity that might involve a conflict of interest must be submitted to Parliament for an opinion, especially in cases involving remuneration or a pension;

Or. es

Amendment 62
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point i a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(ia) that criteria are defined for compliance with Article 245 TFEU, which imposes on Commissioners a 'duty to behave with honesty and discretion as regards the acceptance, after they have ceased to hold office, of certain appointments or benefits';

Or. it

Amendment 63
Dennis de Jong, Marian Harkin, Ana Gomes, Monica Macovei, Benedek Jávor, Tomáš Zdechovský

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point i a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(ia) that the decisions on the authorisation of post term-of-office activities of former Commissioners, as well as the opinions of the Ad Hoc Ethical Committee are proactively published;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Martina Dlabajová, Michael Theurer, Nedzhmi Ali

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point i a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(ia) that a discrepancy in length of a ban for lobbying and the length of transitional allowance (unemployment allowance) are narrowed down or removed.

Or. en

Amendment 65
Dennis de Jong, Marian Harkin, Ana Gomes, Monica Macovei, Benedek Jávor, Tomáš Zdechovský

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point i b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(ib) that the Ad Hoc Ethical Committee is composed of independent experts who have not themselves fulfilled positions as Commissioner or as Member of the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Dennis de Jong, Marian Harkin, Ana Gomes, Monica Macovei, Benedek Jávor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 – point i c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(ic) that the Ad Hoc Ethical Committee shall draw up and publish an annual report on its activities and may include any recommendations on the

improvement of the Code of Conduct or of its implementation, as it may see fit;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Dennis de Jong, Marian Harkin, Ana Gomes, Monica Macovei

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 – point i d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(id) that, as a matter of priority, the duty to behave with integrity and discretion pursuant to Article 245 of the Treaty (TFEU) even beyond a period of 18 months after ceasing to hold office is elaborated and that the Ad Hoc Ethical Committee develops a manual providing guidelines on the basis of practical examples indicating which type of positions could be at odds with this duty both during and beyond the period of 18 months after ceasing to hold office; that the 'cooling off' period of 18 months is considerably extended, as long as such a manual has not yet been developed;

Or. en