WORKSHOP
EU TRANSPARENCY REGISTER - LOBBYING, PARLIAMENT & PUBLIC TRUST
# EUTransparency

Date 10 May 2017, 14:00 - 17:30
Brussels Paul Henri Spaak Building, room 4 B 1

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

14:00 – 14:10 Introductory remarks
Welcome words and presentation of the aims and ambitions to exchange best practice at the workshop, and how it fits in the context of Parliament’s preparations for the tri-partite negotiations for a new Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory Transparency Register, by Chair of the AFCO Committee Danuta Hübner (MEP).

14:10 – 14:45 Panel I - National lobbying regulation
Experience from the EU Member States with experience of the debate on national lobbying regulation Olle Schmidt, former member of the Swedish Riksdag, Dr. Dietmar Dokalik, Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice, Stewart Stevenson Member of the Scottish Parliament (video link-up), moderated by Chair of the AFCO Committee Danuta Hübner (MEP).

14:45- 15:00 Q&A session
Questions addressed to the moderator or panellists: MEPs, stakeholders and live tweets.

15:00 – 16:00 Panel II - Effective implementation of lobbying regulation
Best practices and technical aspects of lobbying regulation across Europe and the world moderated by the EU Ombudsman Emily
O’Reilly with the participation of responsible services in Ireland - Sherry Perreault, Head of Lobbying Regulation, France - David Ginocchi, Chef du pôle juridique, HATVP, and video link-up with Canada - Karen Shepherd, Commissioner of Lobbying.

16:00 - 16:30 Q&A session
Questions addressed to the moderator or panellists: MEPs, stakeholders and live tweets.

16:30 – 17:10 Panel III - Lobbying the European Parliament - finding the right balance between rights, obligations and public expectations
Lobbying is a constitutional right and MEPs are under the obligation to hear citizens’ concerns, in line with their independent mandate. In this specific context, academics will explore public expectations of transparency from Members of the European Parliament, moderated by Vice-President Sylvie Guillaume (MEP). Participation of Dr. Martin Nettesheim, Professor of Law at the University of Tübingen Law School, Dr. Sabine Saurugger, Professor of Political Science, Sciences Po Grenoble and Dr. David Marshall, Professor of Political Science, University of Reading.

17:10 - 17:20 Q&A session
Questions addressed to the moderator or panellists: MEPs, stakeholders and live tweets.

17:20 - 17:30 Closing remarks
Main conclusions drawn by Vice-President Sylvie Guillaume (MEP)