

KLOIBER Rudolf (CAB-SEFCOVIC)

Subject: FW: clarification re Transparency Register review process

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Olivier Hoedeman [mailto:olivier@corporateeurope.org]

> Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 11:49 AM

> To: CAB SEFCOVIC

> Subject: clarification re Transparency Register review process

> Dear Mr. Šefčovič,

> following up on our conversation by twitter yesterday, I would like to
> provide - and request - some further clarification. When I quoted, in my
> tweet, the remarks of the Irish Examiner about the lack of transparency
> in the review process, this reflects the fact that it is currently very
> unclear to me (and to other pro-transparency advocates) what the review
> process will look like, including the timeline, how wider civil society
> will be consulted and what the role of the European Parliament will be.
> Allow me to briefly explain the situation as we see it.

> At the two 'technical' meetings, we were left with the impression that
> the Commission was steering towards a narrow and short review process,
> limited to, indeed, 'technical issues'. We were informed that there
> would be a meeting between VP Wieland and yourself with stakeholders in
> March, but it was left unclear whether the Commission aims for this
> event to be the end-point or rather the beginning of a broader review
> process. Since the 'technical meetings', there has been no news and
> there are no minutes of the discussions that took place. We heard about
> your meeting with MEP Wieland that happened three weeks ago, but no
> information about the outcomes has been released, also not after we
> contacted the register secretariat about this. There is no information
> on the review on the Commission's website. Finally, the consultation on
> the annual report in the summer of 2012, which you referred to, was at
> the time not presented as the start of the review process and frankly
> this was more like a user satisfaction survey than a proper civil
> society consultation about changes needed to make the Transparency
> Register deliver its objectives.

> I was happy to hear from you yesterday that the review process is just
> at the start. Let me end by saying that it would be very helpful if a
> clear roadmap for the review process would be presented, including the
> timeline, how wider civil society will be consulted and what the role of
> the European Parliament will be.

> Yours sincerely,

> Olivier Hoedeman

> #EU #lobby register: "a sign of just how transparent this register is
> that the review happens behind closed doors"

> <http://www.irishexaminer.com/opinion/columnists/ann-cahill/brussels-briefing-225059.html>

> @olivierhoedeman This is not true! Public consult on annual report open
> to all, 1st stakeholder mtgs on tech level. We're just at the start!

> @MarosSefcovic that's good news; when will you announce what register
> review process will look like & how citizens can engage? #transparency

> @olivierhoedeman Olivier, I think you've been to tech mtgs & know next
> step is VP Wieland and I meet stakeholders to get views. No secret!

>
> @MarosSefcovic it would great to get clear info like how long the review
> process will be, what the steps are, how MEPs will be involved, etc
>