



Joint Transparency Register Secretariat



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Dear Mr Benassi,

As you might already know, Vice-President Wieland and Vice-President Šefčovič have released the first annual report on the Transparency register produced by the Secretary Generals of our two institutions.

I am happy to enclose a copy of the report with this invitation for your information in case you have not yet read it. I also want to further express my gratitude to those organisations that contributed to the public consultation that preceded the production of the annual report.

The review of the Transparency Register outlined in the interinstitutional agreement will start next year. In order to prepare their own discussions on the issue Vice-Presidents Wieland and Šefčovič would like to have the opportunity to discuss the main findings of the report, as well as the various issues that could be examined in the context of the review, with the umbrella organisations from each section of the register, including your own organisation. They consider that it should be done in a meeting with all of the organisations at once, rather than through a series of bilateral meetings. This will help to foster a mutual understanding of the viewpoints, dimensions and implications of the questions at stake. This is vital to ensure a meaningful discussion. This meeting is to be held in February.

Ahead of this meeting the Vice-Presidents have asked me to hold a preparatory session with your organisations in order to provide you with an initial analysis of our operations and to identify and define the issues that will then form the basis of the talks to be held at a political level.

With this in mind I am happy to invite you to attend such a meeting with me, and a number of our colleagues from the Joint Secretariat of the Transparency Register, on **15 January next from 10h30-12h30, in room A1E- 3 of the European Parliament**. This meeting is opened to a maximum of two peoples to represent your organisation including yourself or your substitute.

Please inform me (gerard.legris@ec.europa.eu) of the name of the two representatives from your organisation who will attend the meeting of 15 January before close of business on Tuesday 8 January.

If your representatives already have accreditation to access the European Parliament they will be able to reach the room on their own. If this is not the case please indicate this in your answer and provide their details including: names, e-mail address and mobile phone number so a colleague from the European Parliament can contact them and arrange for their admission in the building.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the preparatory session and the meeting in February with our Vice Presidents.

Best regards



Gérard Legris

Coordinator of the EP-COM joint secretariat of the Transparency Register
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Attachments: List of the organisations invited to participate.