

## Meeting Transparency Register – Stakeholders

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**A. What is the overall balance sheet of the Transparency Register? Both in terms of meeting its own objectives (wide coverage, proportionate, informative, etc) and in terms of how it compare to other similar regulatory system in the world.**

AER supports the transparency initiative, but regions - as public bodies and authorities - do not feel directly concerned by a register of business/ private interests.

Regions with legislating powers will not register (Austria/ Italy) etc. There has been some evolution concerning other regions after exchanges with JTRS, for example a rise in awareness of the tool, and numbers registering their Brussels offices have risen. (How many in total?) AER does not speak for cities.

**B. What would be your agenda for change? Why and how?**

AER would like to see a clearer distinction made between public and private interests in the register. The current division is not visible enough.

AER would like to suggest that the word "citizens" be included in the title of the Transparency Register, in order that the citizens feel more involved/ targeted and that the regions can better identify with the tool, i.e.: "Transparency Register for Citizens"

**C. How does your own organisation intend to contribute itself to help us achieve our common goals? Promotion within your members, a requirement for your own members, etc.**

AER has tried to raise awareness and interest of its members in the Transparency Register.