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**Sent:** Tuesday 12 June 2012 11:42  
**To:** 'EPA [REDACTED]'  
**Subject:** RE: annual report of the transparency register

Dear [REDACTED],

at this very moment, we only have the intention to have contacts between the Vice-President and stakeholders later this year, but no concrete details or timing yet.

First comes the public consultation and the annual report which takes stock of the first year, and I am pleased to hear that you encourage other organisations to participate in the consultation.

Yours sincerely,  
Christian Linder

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**To:** LINDER Christian (CAB-SEFCOVIC)  
**Subject:** annual report of the transparency register

Dear Mr Linder,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Civil Society Contact Group which gathers eight organisations working in social affairs, life long learnign, the environment, development, human rights, culture, gender equality, and health. I had that Vice President Sefcovic was meeting stakeholders in the framework of the annual report and the review of the Transparency Register. Last year, Mr Legris had presented the new Transparency Register to members of the civil society contact group. The Contact Group collaborated with the ALTER-EU in drafting guidelines for NGOs on how to use the Transparency Register. Futhermore, we are planning on developing a response to the Commission Transparency Register Consultation and the eight networks will encourage their members to participate.

Could you send more information about any stakeholder meetings with the Commissioner and if there is the possibility for the CSCG to participate.

Yours sincerely,

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**Meeting with Transparency International/EU office  
Wednesday, 23 January 2013**

I met with Ronny Patz and Olivier Lewis, two staff members from the EU office of Transparency International who will deal from now on with transparency and ethics issues in the EU institutions.

Ref. the review of the Transparency Register:

The conversation confirmed the general approach of TI to strive for realistic and operational recommendations.

With regard to the mandatory/non-mandatory issue, I described the legal and practical problems.

We discussed the possibilities to have incentives or commitments below the level of legally binding measures.

Examples for possible improvements they gave:

- having a link on the internet from the contribution to a public consultation made by an organisation to their registration so that readers can identify easily who this organisation represents;
- a kind of legislative footprint (I mentioned that the impact assessment lists already the contributions made by third parties, but they thought of highlighting it at a more prominent place in a legislative proposal);
- refusal of commissioners/staff to speak at conferences organised by unregistered organisations.

All this in order to make registration more attractive and something like a label.

I mentioned the constraints, in particular avoiding bureaucratic or resource intensive measures.

Ref. ethics:

They informed me about the study which they are preparing on ethics in all EU institutions. TI did a similar study on all 27 Member States last year. I offered support by meeting the researchers and making contact with the colleagues in SG, HR etc. who deal with ethics and can provide information.

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Mr. Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ  
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Dear Mr. Vice President,

I wanted to write you personally to thank you for agreeing to participate in the launch of our *Guide to Effective Lobbying in Europe* on 3 June and for agreeing to write the Foreward to the Guide.

Your involvement with the survey and its launch have certainly helped to bring greater attention to the many important issues raised by the research and has, perhaps not unexpectedly, stimulated debate among those actively engaged on these issues in Brussels. Moreover, the directness and relevance of your remarks contributed to a good debate.

I was in Paris yesterday morning for the launch there and can assure you that the level of interest in France was also quite high. The feedback I am receiving from across Europe is similar.

Although I mentioned it already, please allow me to thank formally your cabinet, notably Christian Linder, for efficient and friendly collaboration during the preparations that led up to the Guide's publication and launch.

Having participated in your consultation session with stakeholders yesterday, I am encouraged by the outlook for the review of the Transparency Register and remain willing to contribute in any way I can.

Yours sincerely,

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Sehr geehrter Herr Vizepräsident Šefčovič,

im Zuge des geplanten Reviews des gemeinsamen Transparenzregisters der Kommission und des Europäischen Parlaments dürfen wir auf eine Schwierigkeit hinsichtlich der Kategorisierung der Eintragungen von Organisationen, wie zum Beispiel die Wirtschaftskammer Österreich, im Register aufmerksam machen:

Mehrere europäische Staaten sehen ein öffentlich-rechtliches Kammersystem mit Mitgliedschaft vor, in Österreich zum Beispiel solche für Arbeitnehmer als auch für Landwirtschaft oder der Wirtschaft.

Öffentlich-rechtliche Kammern wahren gemeinsame Standpunkte bestimmter Bevölkerungsgruppen und nicht bloß Partikularinteressen einzelner Firmen. Sie beraten den Staat und besorgen im öffentlichen Interesse gelegene Aufgaben der Wirtschaftsverwaltung. Sie müssen dabei die unterschiedlichen, einander zum Teil widerstreitenden Interessen ihrer Mitglieder einem Interessenausgleich unterziehen. In der Beilage übersende ich eine kurze Beschreibung der Wirtschaftskammer Österreich und ihrer Aufgaben.

Diese besondere Stellung von Organisationen, die mit öffentlichen Aufgaben betraut sind, bildet das derzeitige Transparenzregister nur unzureichend ab.

Mangels geeigneter Alternativen sind die WKÖ wie auch die anderen österreichischen Sozialpartner derzeit in der Kategorie „In-House Lobbyisten, Berufsverbände“ mangels besserer Möglichkeiten eingetragen.

Diese Kategorie bildet nicht die Aufgaben der WKÖ ab, da die WKÖ als Körperschaft öffentlichen Rechts, die zwar mit öffentlichen Aufgaben betraut, aber nicht als staatliche

Stelle eingerichtet ist, verpflichtet ist, durch den Interessenausgleich mit einer Stimme der Wirtschaft zu sprechen und keine Einzelinteressen zu vertreten. Die WKÖ ist kein Teil der Staatsverwaltung, daher ist die derzeitige Kategorie 6 zur Eintragung aus unserer Sicht ebenfalls nicht geeignet.

Wir schlagen daher vor, die Kategorie 6 des Transparenzregisters zu erweitern und in "Organisationen, die lokale, regionale und kommunale Behörden, andere öffentliche und gemischte Einrichtungen usw. vertreten bzw. Organisationen, die mit öffentlichen Aufgaben betraut sind" umzubenennen.

Die Eintragung im Transparenzregister spiegelt das Bekenntnis der WKÖ zu Transparenz im Kontakt mit den EU-Institutionen wider.

Wir wollen mit dieser Anregung zu einem bestmöglichen Ergebnis des Reviews beitragen und das Instrument „Transparenzregister“ möglichst nutzerfreundlich für alle gestalten.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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*haben Sie vielen Dank für Ihren Brief vom 23. August 2013 und ihre Anregung für eine mögliche Änderung der Kategorie 6 des Transparenzregisters.*

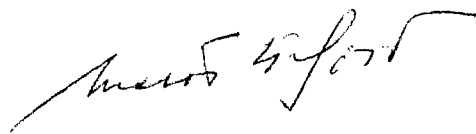
*Die besondere Rolle öffentlich-rechtlicher Kammern ist mir bewusst und ich verstehe ihren Wunsch, den Unterschied zu anderen Verbänden oder Vertretern einzelner Unternehmen auch bei der Registrierung im Transparenzregister deutlich zu machen.*

*Die "High Level Group" von Parlament und Kommission wird sich die in Annex I des Interinstitutionellen Abkommens genannten Kategorien im Hinblick auf mögliche Änderungen anschauen.*

*Dabei sollen auch präzisere Definitionen oder Klarstellungen geprüft werden.*

*In diesem Zusammenhang werde ich ihren Vorschlag gerne prüfen und zur Sprache bringen.*

*Mit freundlichen Grüßen,*



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## **LINDER Christian (CAB-SEFCOVIC)**

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**From:** LINDER Christian (CAB-SEFCOVIC)  
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**To:** 'Ronny Patz'; Carl Dolan  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to the attention of Commissioner Sefcovic: Review of the EU Transparency Register

Dear Ronny, dear Mr Dolan,

Thank you very much for your letter.

I will bring it to the attention of the Vice-President and I can promise that we will seriously consider your suggestions.

Best regards,  
Christian

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**Cc:** Carl Dolan  
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**Importance:** High

Dear Christian,

please find attached a letter from Carl Dolan, the new Director of the Transparency International EU Office, to Commissioner Sefcovic ahead of the finalisation of the work of inter-institutional Working Group on the review of the EU Transparency Register.

We would kindly ask you to bring this letter to the attention of the Commissioner ahead of the next meeting of the group on 3 December.

Please do not hesitate to get back to me should you have any questions in this regard.

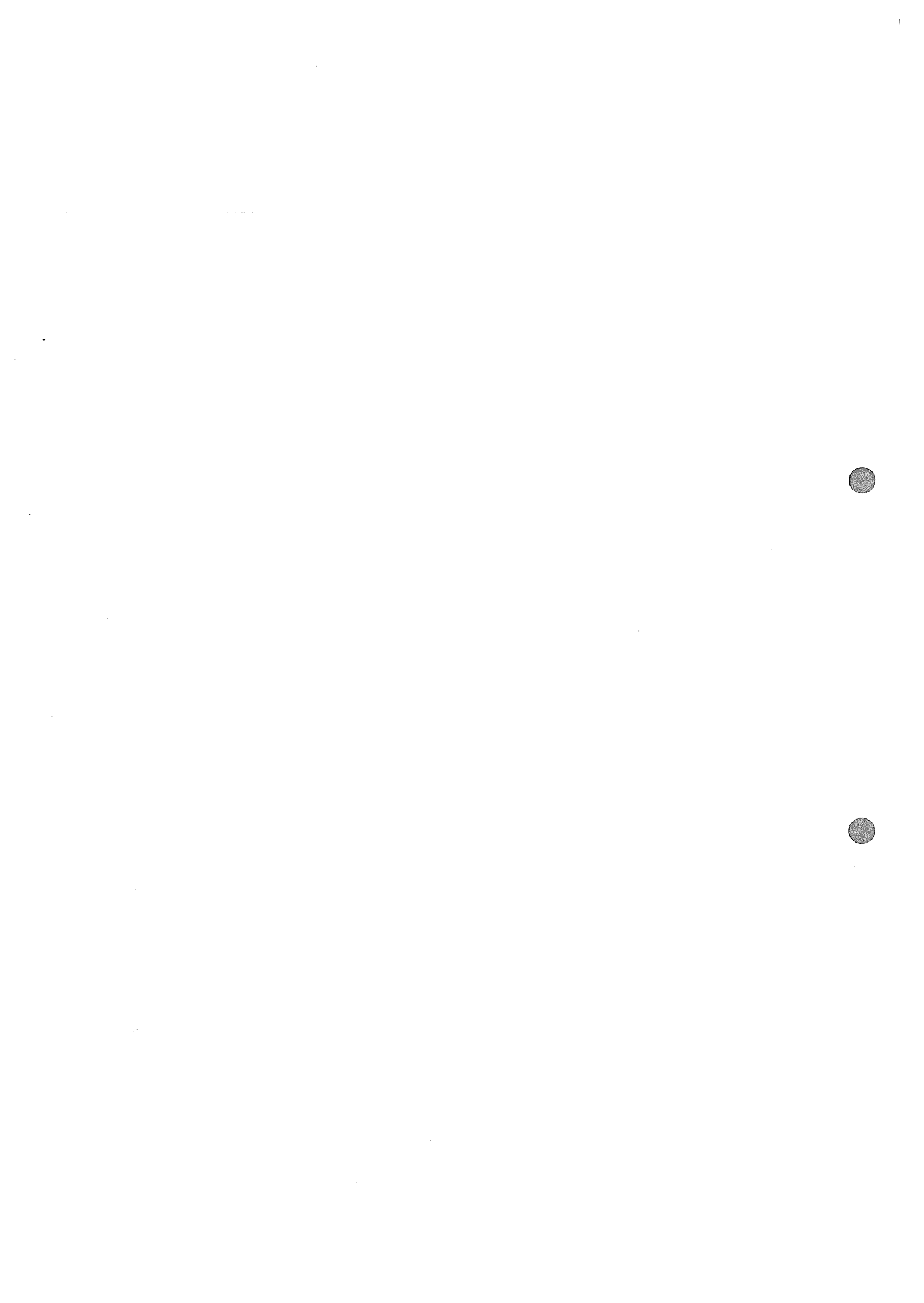
Kind regards,

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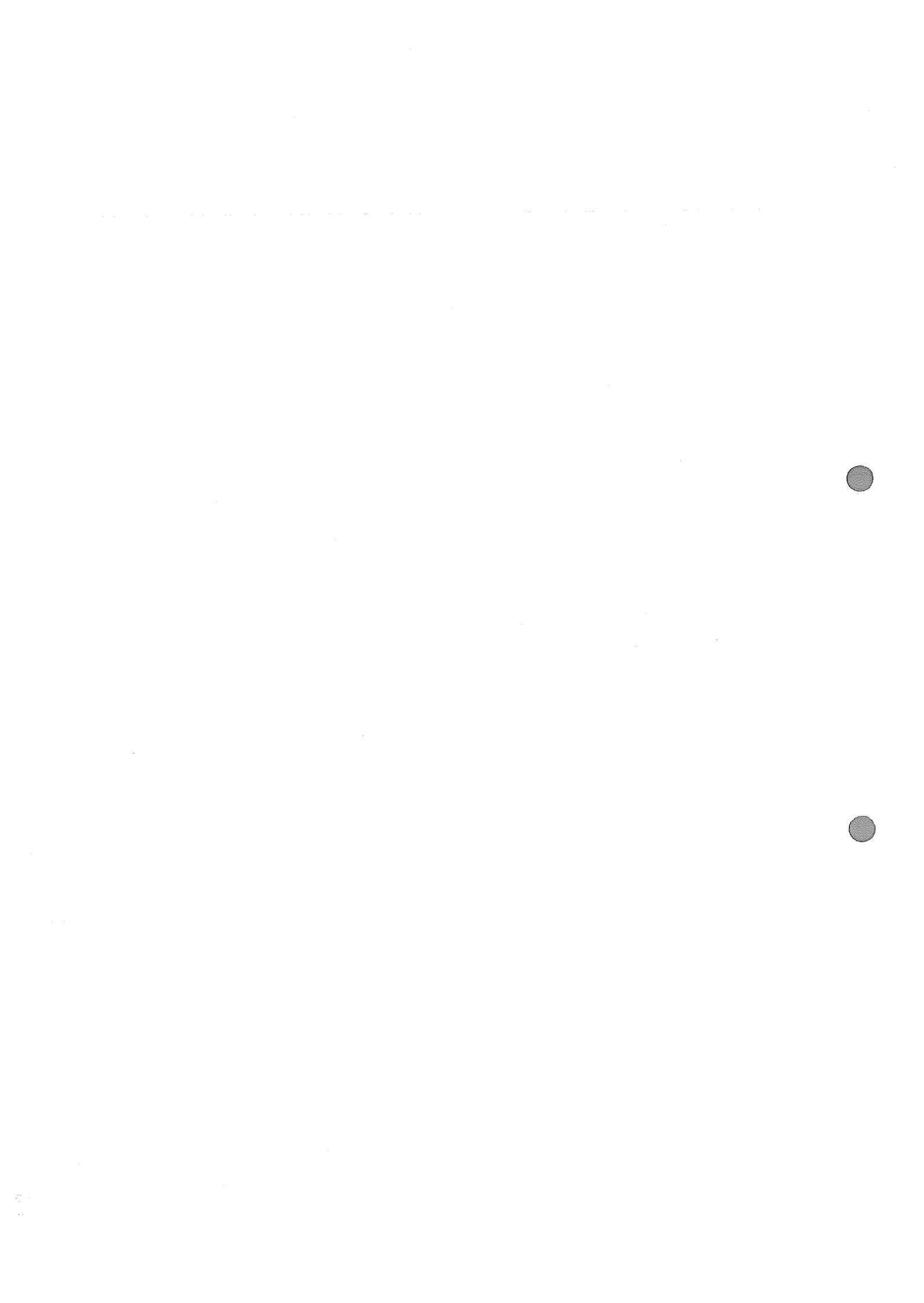
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**Honourable Commissioner Sefcovic,**

Transparency International as one of the stakeholders in the review of the EU Transparency Register is looking forward seeing the outcome of this review process in the coming weeks and the future interinstitutional agreement.

As we have expressed throughout the past years, and in particular in several hearings in 2013, we hope that the European Commission will **support a strengthened register** that will become quasi-mandatory in the short term and mandatory in the mid- to long-term.

We are aware of the diverging legal opinions on the possibility to make the register mandatory and the procedural difficulties that the institutions see in binding their Members and staff to meeting only with registered organisations and their representatives.

However, our hope and expectation would be that the Commission and the Parliament will, in the last two meetings of the Working Group, keep the door open for **a future mandatory register** and that this positive outlook would be part of the agreement.

Our hope and expectation would also be that, as part of the agreement, you would propose a **list of effective incentives** through which the Commission and Parliament - potentially joined by the Council - will encourage lobbyists to register before interacting with Members and staff of the institutions, **making the register quasi-mandatory**.

Should there be no agreement on legal obligations, we propose that the agreement would at least include, amongst others, a commitment of the institutions to provide instructions or guidelines to Members and staff to actively consider the registration status of organisations before they meet or before they speak at events that those actors organise.

Requiring registration of organisations before they are invited to formalised hearings or before becoming members of permanent advisory and expert groups also remains an incentive we consider feasible in the absence of a legally mandatory register.



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In the coming years, Transparency International will continue and strengthen its efforts to push for effective lobbying regulation as well as transparent and ethical lobbying across the EU. The rules at European level are an important cornerstone in the overall system, and we therefore believe that an ambitious agreement between the European institutions will allow more ambitious developments across the EU.

We remain at your disposal for any further clarification, and look forward to future cooperation in ensuring the integrity of European Union institutions.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Dolan

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## **Re: High level working group on the revision of the Transparency register**

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

### **About us**

The Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB) is the only Austrian organization representing the interests of workers based on voluntary membership. Seven trade unions are organized under the umbrella of the ÖGB. The number of members is now approximately 1.2 million. The ÖGB is a part of the Austrian social partnership. We are committed to job and income security, equal opportunities and gender equality, environmental protection, and economic growth achieved through a productivity-oriented wage policy – in short, to a social model based on solidarity. The ÖGB Europabüro is the Brussels office of the ÖGB. The ÖGB is registered in the Transparency register (Österreichischer Gewerkschaftsbund/Austrian Trade Union Federation, Reg. ID: 43246044354-41).

### **About lobbying transparency in Brussels and the ongoing review of the Transparency register**

The Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB) has been actively advocating clear-cut, transparent and effective rules for lobbying in Brussels for many years. We believe that equal access to lawmakers in Brussels is of utmost strategic importance for workers,

employees and consumers, and one of the fundamental preconditions for boosting trust and acceptance of workers and citizens in the European institutions. This is one of the reasons why the ÖGB – together with the Austrian Chamber of Labour – has decided to lend its support to a broad European network of civil society organisations pleading for lobbying transparency in European policy making.

We therefore regret that workers and ordinary citizens today are still at a considerable disadvantage when it comes to the representation of their interests in Brussels. Not only have recent studies commissioned by us demonstrated the vast disequilibrium between commercial lobbyists (95%) and trade union and civil society representatives (5%) in Brussels. On top of that, there is also clear evidence that hundreds of advisory groups to the European Commission – so called expert groups – are persistently biased in favour of business.

One of the key elements for lobbying transparency is the inter-institutional Transparency register of the European Commission and the European Parliament. Since the establishment of the register, we have consistently argued that only a mandatory register (as opposed to the current register which is based on voluntary registration) can fulfil the purpose of such a register. This has been proven right by repeated reports over the years on substantial shortcomings of the current register.

As to the argument repeatedly put forward in the past by the services of the European Commission, whereas the EU Treaties do not offer a legal base for a mandatory register, we would like to draw your attention to a recent study of Prof Markus Krajewski from Erlangen University/Germany emphasizing the perfect feasibility of a mandatory register within the scope of existing EU primary law.

The ongoing review process of the Transparency register – even if undertaken behind closed doors - is therefore of utmost importance for us. We, together with like-minded organisations, consider that several essential elements must be included in the recommendations of the High level advisory group currently reviewing the register.

**These essential elements are:**

- **The presentation of a roadmap for the transition from the current voluntary transparency register to a mandatory register by 31 December 2014.** It is vital that the hundreds of major corporations, lobby consultancies and law firms which are currently absent from the register are required to sign up.

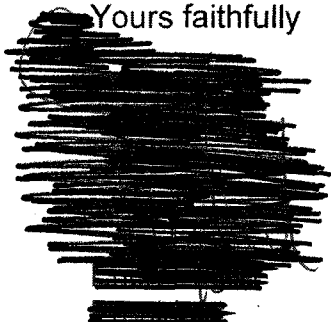
- The inclusion of incentives to encourage registration now while the mandatory register is developed. These incentives would help to make the register de facto mandatory for all EU lobbyists in the interim and should include:

- Commission staff and Commissioners should refuse to meet with any organisation or individual that fall under the scope of the Transparency Register but who are unregistered;

- Organisations and individuals that fall under the scope of the Transparency Register but who are unregistered should not be invited to participate in Commission expert groups or other advisory groups to the Commission and Parliament;
- Commission staff, Commissioners and MEPs should refuse to speak at events (co-)organised or (co-)hosted by all organisations and individuals that fall under the scope of the Transparency Register but who are unregistered;
- Organisations and individuals that fall under the scope of the Transparency Register but who are unregistered should no longer be given the opportunity to hold debates, conferences or other events on the premises of the Commission and the Parliament.

We consider that, unless these elements are included, the review of the register will not reflect the interest and the expectations of workers and citizens and will have to be considered as a failure. We would also like to remind you that already in May 2011, the European Parliament voted to support the transition to a mandatory lobby register, and it would hence be a disappointment for citizens if the European Parliament would fall back behind its own position in the past.

Yours faithfully



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**Subject:** Letter concerning the review of the joint EC/EP-Transparency Register  
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Dear Vice-President Wieland,  
Dear Vice-President Šefčovič,  
Dear Vice-President Durant,  
Dear Vice-President Mastalka,  
Dear Vice-President McMillan-Scott,  
Dear Vice-President Podimata,  
Dear Vice-President Vlasak,  
Dear MEP Casini,  
Dear MEP Ehrenhauser,  
Dear Mr. Linder,  
Dear Mr. Legris,

Seven trade unions are organized under the umbrella of the Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB), whose number of members is now approximately 1.2 million. The ÖGB is affiliated to the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC). The ÖGB is a part of the Austrian social partnership. It is the only Austrian organization representing the interests of workers based on voluntary membership. The ÖGB-Europabüro is the Brussels office of the ÖGB promoting workers interests at the level of the European Institutions and Organizations.

The Austrian Trade Union Federation is registered in the Transparency register (Austrian Trade Union Federation, Austria. Reg. ID: 43246044354-41).

By way of the attached open letter, we would like to contribute to your ongoing valuable and important work on the review of the joint EC/EP Transparency Register. The Austrian Trade Union Federation, together with many other organisations from the trade union movement and civil society, strongly advocates a mandatory Transparency Register. Clean lobbying based on transparent, strict and enforceable rules is a major precondition in order to regain trust of workers and citizens in the European lawmaking process.

We are looking forward to supporting your work and to collaborating with you in the foreseeable future.

Yours faithfully,



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Dear [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

*I am writing in response to your letter of 9 December 2013 and to thank you for your input into the review process of the Transparency Register.*

*The High Level Working Group on the revision of the Transparency Register concluded its deliberations on 12 December 2013. The Working Group issued 30 recommendations for improvements to be made to the Transparency Register, which you can consult on the Transparency Register website<sup>1</sup>, as well as the summary of all the meetings held.*

*I would like to assure you that the input received from all organisations representing the different sections of the Register was very valuable to the Working Group throughout the review process. Stakeholders, including the ETUC, were invited to an exchange with members of the Working Group on 15 October 2013.*

*Please note that the issue of incentives for registering in the Transparency Register that you raise was a very important point discussed by the Group and features prominently in our list of recommendations. These recommendations will make the Register stronger by introducing additional incentives for organisations to register.*

*Incentives offered by Parliament could include linking registration to further facilitation of access to EP premises, its Members and staff; authorisation to organise or co-host events on its premises; facilitated transmission of information, including specific mailing lists; participation as speakers in committee hearings and patronage by the institution.*

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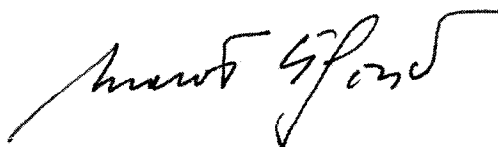
*For the Commission, these could include measures with regard to the transmission of information to registrants when launching public consultations, measures on expert groups and other advisory bodies, specific mailing lists or patronage by the institution.*

*With regard to a future mandatory system, the discussions in the High Level Group showed that the only legal basis for a mandatory register is Article 352 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. It would raise a great number of complex legal issues, in particular with regard to the scope of the register, and compliance with other articles of the treaties. Article 352 requires unanimity in the Council and in several Member States the approval by national Parliaments. At present, the Council does not participate in the Joint Transparency Register.*

*Concerning the next legislative steps, the conclusions of the Working Group will now be sent to the EP Constitutional Affairs Committee and then to the Parliament's plenary before the last session of the current Parliamentary legislature. On the Commission side, the changes to the Interinstitutional agreement require adoption by the College of Commissioners.*

*Finally, I would like to mention that a further review of the "Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Commission and the European Parliament on the Transparency Register" is foreseen for 2017. In the meantime, the Commission will continue to work on further strengthening the Register as part of its overall transparency policy.*

*Yours sincerely,*







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## High level working group on the revision of the Transparency Register

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

### About us

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### About lobbying transparency in Brussels and the ongoing review of the Transparency Register

The Austrian Federal Chamber of Labour has been actively advocating clear-cut, transparent and effective rules for lobbying in Brussels for many years. We believe that equal access to lawmakers in Brussels is of utmost strategic importance for workers, employees and consumers, and one of the fundamental preconditions for boosting trust and acceptance of workers and citizens in the European institutions. This is one of the reasons why the Austrian Federal Chamber of Labour has decided to lend its support to a broad European network of civil society organisations pleading for lobbying transparency in European policy making.

We therefore regret that workers and ordinary citizens today are still at a considerable disadvantage when it comes to the representation of their interests in Brussels. Not only have recent studies commissioned by us demonstrated the vast disequilibrium between commercial lobbyists (95%) and trade union and civil society representatives (5%) in Brussels. On top of that, there is also clear evidence that hundreds of advisory groups to the European Commission – so called expert groups – are persistently biased in favour of business.

One of the key elements for lobbying transparency is the inter-institutional Transparency Register of the European Commission and the European Parliament. Since the establishment of the register, we have consistently argued that only a mandatory register (as opposed to the current register which is based on voluntary registration) can fulfil the purpose of such a register. This has been proven right by repeated reports over the years on substantial shortcomings of the current register.

As to the argument repeatedly put forward in the past by the services of the European Commission, whereas the EU Treaties do not offer a legal base for a mandatory register, we would like to draw your attention to a recent study of Prof Markus Karjewski from Erlangen University/Germany emphasizing the perfect feasibility of a mandatory register within the scope of existing EU primary law ([http://akeuropa.eu/includes/mods/akeu/docs/main\\_report\\_de\\_289.pdf](http://akeuropa.eu/includes/mods/akeu/docs/main_report_de_289.pdf)).

The ongoing review process of the Transparency Register – even if undertaken behind closed doors – is therefore of utmost importance for us. We, together with like-minded organisations, consider that several essential elements must be included in the recommendations of the high level advisory group currently reviewing the register.

**These essential elements are:**

- **The presentation of a roadmap for the transition from the current voluntary transparency register to a mandatory register by 31 December 2014.** It is vital that the hundreds of major corporations, lobby consultancies and law firms which are currently absent from the register are required to sign up.
- **The inclusion of incentives to encourage registration now** while the mandatory register is developed. These incentives would help to make the register *de facto* mandatory for all EU lobbyists in the interim and should include:
  - Commission staff and Commissioners should refuse to meet with any organisation or individual that fall under the scope of the Transparency Register but who are unregistered;
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- Organisations and individuals that fall under the scope of the Transparency Register but who are unregistered should no longer be given the opportunity to hold debates, conferences or other events on the premises of the Commission and the Parliament.

We consider that, unless these elements are included, the review of the register will not reflect the interest and the expectations of workers and citizens and will have to be considered as a failure. We would also like to remind you that already in May 2011, the European Parliament voted to support the transition to a mandatory lobby register, and it would hence be a disappointment for citizens if the European Parliament would fall back behind its own position in the past.



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**Importance:** High

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Dear Vice-President Durant,  
Dear Vice-President Mastalka,  
Dear Vice-President McMillan-Scott,  
Dear Vice-President Podimata,  
Dear Vice-President Vlasak,  
Dear MEP Casini,  
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By way of the attached open letter, we would like to contribute to your ongoing valuable and important work on the review of the joint EC/EP Transparency Register. The Austrian Federal Chamber of Labour, together with many other organisations from the trade union movement and civil society, strongly advocates a mandatory Transparency Register. Clean lobbying based on transparent, strict and enforceable rules is a major precondition in order to regain trust of workers and citizens in the European lawmaking process.

We are looking forward to supporting your work and to collaborating with you in the foreseeable future.

Yours faithfully

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MAROŠ ŠEFČOVIČ

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Brussels, 19 FEB. 2014  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

*I am writing in response to your letter of 9 December 2013 and to thank you for your input into the review process of the Transparency Register.*

*The High Level Working Group on the revision of the Transparency Register concluded its deliberations on 12 December 2013. The Working Group issued 30 recommendations for improvements to be made to the Transparency Register, which you can consult on the Transparency Register website<sup>1</sup>, as well as the summary of all the meetings held.*

*I would like to assure you that the input received from all organisations representing the different sections of the Register was very valuable to the Working Group throughout the review process. Stakeholders, including the ETUC, were invited to an exchange with members of the Working Group on 15 October 2013.*

*Please note that the issue of incentives for registering in the Transparency Register that you raise was a very important point discussed by the Group and features prominently in our list of recommendations. These recommendations will make the Register stronger by introducing additional incentives for organisations to register.*

*Incentives offered by Parliament could include linking registration to further facilitation of access to EP premises, its Members and staff; authorisation to organise or co-host events on its premises; facilitated transmission of information, including specific mailing lists; participation as speakers in committee hearings and patronage by the institution.*

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<sup>1</sup> <http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/info/consult-register/whatsNew.do?locale=en>

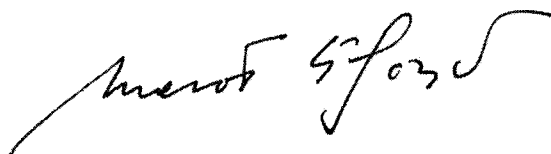
*For the Commission, these could include measures with regard to the transmission of information to registrants when launching public consultations, measures on expert groups and other advisory bodies, specific mailing lists or patronage by the institution.*

*With regard to a future mandatory system, the discussions in the High Level Group showed that the only legal basis for a mandatory register is Article 352 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. It would raise a great number of complex legal issues, in particular with regard to the scope of the register, and compliance with other articles of the treaties. Article 352 requires unanimity in the Council and in several Member States the approval by national Parliaments. At present, the Council does not participate in the Joint Transparency Register.*

*Concerning the next legislative steps, the conclusions of the Working Group will now be sent to the EP Constitutional Affairs Committee and then to the Parliament's plenary before the last session of the current Parliamentary legislature. On the Commission side, the changes to the Interinstitutional agreement require adoption by the College of Commissioners.*

*Finally, I would like to mention that a further review of the "Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Commission and the European Parliament on the Transparency Register" is foreseen for 2017. In the meantime, the Commission will continue to work on further strengthening the Register as part of its overall transparency policy.*

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mervyn Gifford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.



## **BOSSUROY Melanie (SG)**

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**From:** WICKHAM Catherine (SG) on behalf of LEGRIS Gerard (SG)  
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**To:** WICKHAM Catherine (SG); SG TRANSPARENCY REGISTER CONTACT  
**Subject:** FW: New date - Transparency Register Political meeting - 5 June 2013 15:00-17:00 BERL S7

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**From:** Feustel Christian [<mailto:c.feustel@businessseurope.eu>]  
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**Subject:** RE: New date - Transparency Register Political meeting - 5 June 2013 15:00-17:00 BERL S7

Dear Mr Legris

I will attend that meeting on behalf of director general Markus Beyrer.

Kind regards

**Christian Feustel**  
Senior EP Adviser

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Dear Mr Legris,

As our Director Jana Mittermaier and myself will be at the Transparency International regional meeting for Europe and Central Asia in Lisbon on 5-7 June, we will unfortunately not be able to participate in the rescheduled meeting with Commissioner Sefcovic on 5 June.

The Transparency International EU Office will therefore be represented by our colleagues:

- Olivier Lewis, and
- Amanda Mcmenamin

Kind regards,

Ronny Patz

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Dear Mr Legris,

Thank you for this kind invitation; I am pleased to confirm my attendance.

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I look forward to seeing you then!

Many thanks,

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**From:** Pazanne Dupont [<mailto:Pazanne.Dupont@ceep.eu>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 31, 2013 10:18 AM  
**To:** WICKHAM Catherine (SG)  
**Subject:** RE: New date - Transparency Register Political meeting - 5 June 2013 15:00-17:00 BERL S7

Dear Catherine,

I confirm that I will attend the meeting for CEEP  
Thank you again for your call

Best regards

**PAZANNE DUPONT**

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**De :** [Catherine.WICKHAM@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Catherine.WICKHAM@ec.europa.eu) [<mailto:Catherine.WICKHAM@ec.europa.eu>]

**Envoyé :** vendredi 31 mai 2013 10:13

**À :** Pazanne Dupont

**Objet :** New date - Transparency Register Political meeting - 5 June 2013 15:00-17:00 BERL S7



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**From:** WICKHAM Catherine (SG) **On Behalf Of** LEGRIS Gerard (SG)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2013 12:19 PM  
**Cc:** SG TRANSPARENCY REGISTER CONTACT; LEGRIS Gerard (SG); WICKHAM Catherine (SG)  
**Subject:** New date - Transparency Register Political meeting - 5 June 2013 15:00-17:00 BERL S7

Dear Sir,  
Dear Madam,

You were informed last week that the meeting at political level with Vice-President Šefčovič previously planned on 15 May 2013 had to be rescheduled due to an unexpected agenda conflict.

We can now confirm the meeting will take place on 5 June 2013 from 15:00 to 17:00 in the Berlaymont building – Room S7 (Rue de la Loi 200; 1040 Bruxelles).

Could you please inform me of the name of the two representatives from your organisation who will attend the meeting on 5 June 2013 before Friday 30 May COB.

Best regards,

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**From:** WICKHAM Catherine (SG) **On Behalf Of** LEGRIS Gerard (SG)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 11:43 AM  
**Cc:** SG TRANSPARENCY REGISTER CONTACT; LEGRIS Gerard (SG)  
**Subject:** Transparency Register Political meeting - 15 May 2013 15:00-17:00

Dear Sir,  
Dear Madam,

Following the two meetings at technical level which took place earlier this year, I wish to inform you that the meeting at political level with Vice-President Šefčovič will take place on 15 May 2013 from 15:00 to 17:00 in the Berlaymont building – Room S3 (Rue de la Loi 200; 1040 Bruxelles).

Could you please inform me of the name of the two representatives from your organisation who will attend the meeting on 15 May 2013 before Friday 3 May COB.



Best regards,

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## **BOSSUROY Melanie (SG)**

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**From:** LEGRIS Gerard (SG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday 4 June 2013 18:32  
**To:** 'Luc Hendrickx'  
**Cc:** BOSSUROY Melanie (SG); SCHILTZ Priscilla (SG)  
**Subject:** RE: Stakeholder meeting on Transparency Register - Wednesday 5 June 15:00 Berlaymont

Dear Luc,

Thanks you for your message. We had taken note of this and we do understand.

We just thought that you should be informed, just like all the other organisations invited, about what is happening. Your positions, expressed on different occasions, have been heard. We'll of course send you the minutes of the meeting anyway.

Best regards

G rard

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**From:** Luc Hendrickx [mailto:l.hendrickx@ueapme.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 04, 2013 6:27 PM

**To:** LEGRIS Gerard (SG)

**Subject:** RE: Stakeholder meeting on Transparency Register - Wednesday 5 June 15:00 Berlaymont

Dear G rard ,

I apologise again for the fact that I will not be able to participate in the meeting tomorrow and also my collaborator cannot attend as we have a meeting with our members.

Kind regards,

Luc

**Luc Hendrickx**

*Director Enterprise Policy and External Relations*

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**Sent:** mardi 4 juin 2013 17:59

**To:** [redacted]; [adouette@skynet.be](mailto:adouette@skynet.be); [B.Dittmann@bdi.eu](mailto:B.Dittmann@bdi.eu); [JBIR@ETUC.ORG](mailto:JBIR@ETUC.ORG);  
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**Subject:** Stakeholder meeting on Transparency Register - Wednesday 5 June 15:00 Berlaymont

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## **BOSSUROY Melanie (SG)**

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**From:** WICKHAM Catherine (SG) on behalf of LEGRIS Gerard (SG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday 4 June 2013 17:59  
**To:** Amanda Mcmenamin; André Douette; B.Dittmann@bdi.eu; JBIR@ETUC.ORG; Jean-Louis Joris; [REDACTED]; Luc Hendrickx; olivier@corporateeurope.org; olivier@corporateeurope.org; [REDACTED]; paul@milieudefensie.nl; Pazanne DUPONT; Philip Sheppard; Regine Kramer; Robert Mack; Simone Cuomo; Susanna di Feliciano; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** LINDER Christian (CAB-SEFCOVIC); GRAVILI Antonio (COMM); THIEL Marie (EP); RUFAS QUINTANA Jose Luis (EP); BOSSUROY Melanie (SG); LEGRIS Gerard (SG); SCHILTZ Priscilla (SG); GIPPERT Christina (EP)  
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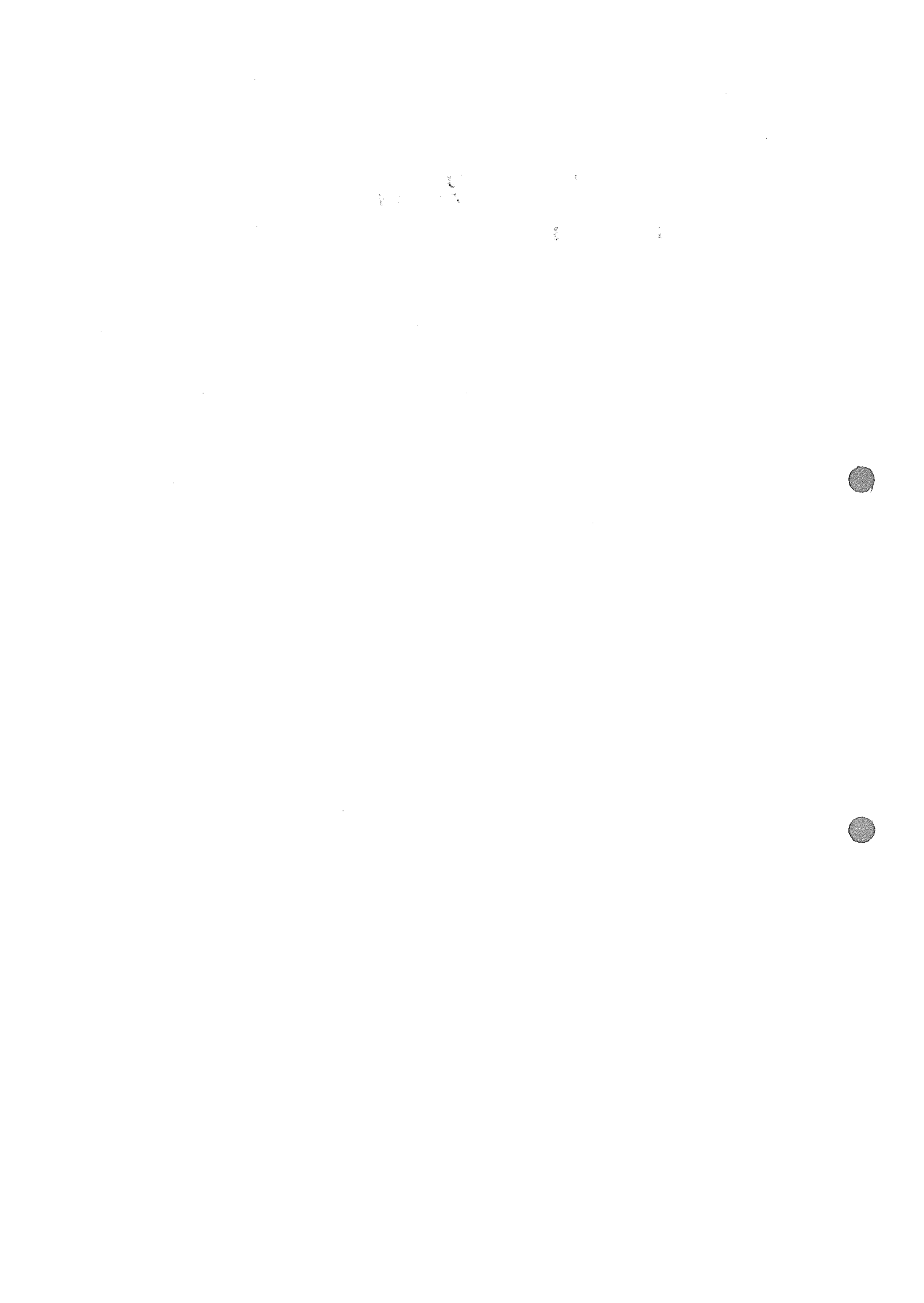
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## **BOSSUROY Melanie (SG)**

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**From:** WICKHAM Catherine (SG) on behalf of LEGRIS Gerard (SG)  
**Sent:** Sunday 23 June 2013 12:53  
**To:** B.Dittmann@bdi.eu  
**Cc:** c.feustel@businessseurope.eu; m.beyrer@businessseurope.eu; SG TRANSPARENCY REGISTER CONTACT; LEGRIS Gerard (SG); WICKHAM Catherine (SG)  
**Subject:** BUSINESSSEUROPE - Compte rendu - Meeting 5 June 2012 Transparency Register

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Mr Bernd,

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## Meeting Transparency Register – Stakeholders

**Date: 05 June 2013**

**Contributors: BUSINESSEUROPE**

**Represented by: Mr Dittmann Bernd**

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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 compares to other similar regulatory systems in the world.**

So far, the Transparency Register has been a success. BE also agrees that civil society should be emphasised. Business Europe, which represents the corporate sector and trade associations has had specific problems with financial reporting requirements. Initial scepticism from the business sector has improved a lot. The uncertainties related to financial reporting have improved, thanks to guidelines issued etc, but we will need even more clarity if the requirement to register becomes stricter or obligatory.

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

▪ **A compulsory vs. a voluntary register.**

- As long as the register is voluntary, Business Europe can live with current financial reporting requirements. If the register becomes mandatory, we will need more precise rules.

- The USA is very different from the EU in terms of volume and culture (link to campaign funding) of lobbying, so it is difficult to compare the two systems (in terms of a mandatory registration).

**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.**

We will try to increase adherence from our members. (MT to check current rate of registration)



## **BOSSUROY Melanie (SG)**

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**From:** WICKHAM Catherine (SG) on behalf of LEGRIS Gerard (SG)  
**Sent:** Sunday 23 June 2013 13:03  
**To:** Pazanne DUPONT  
**Cc:** SG TRANSPARENCY REGISTER CONTACT; LEGRIS Gerard (SG); WICKHAM Catherine (SG)  
**Subject:** CEEP - Compte rendu - Meeting 5 June 2012 Transparency Register

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Dear Ms Dupont,

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## Meeting Transparency Register – Stakeholders

**Date: 05 June 2013**

**Contributors: CEEP**

**Represented by: Ms Pazanne Dupont**

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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 compares to other similar regulatory systems in the world.**

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

In view of the very diverse membership of CEEP (varying from local/ regional authorities to private sector) CEEP would recommend the following:

Simplicity and clarity in terms of what is expected of registrants

There is a need for more practical detail (guidelines etc) to help registrants

Difficult for transversal organisations to define activities (files) they are working on

Difficult for small organisations to update their information in the register bi-annually - so once a year is sufficient.

**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.**



## **BOSSUROY Melanie (SG)**

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**From:** WICKHAM Catherine (SG) on behalf of LEGRIS Gerard (SG)  
**Sent:** Sunday 23 June 2013 13:04  
**To:** ██████████  
**Cc:** SG TRANSPARENCY REGISTER CONTACT; LEGRIS Gerard (SG); WICKHAM Catherine (SG)  
**Subject:** CSCG - Compte rendu - Meeting 5 June 2012 Transparency Register

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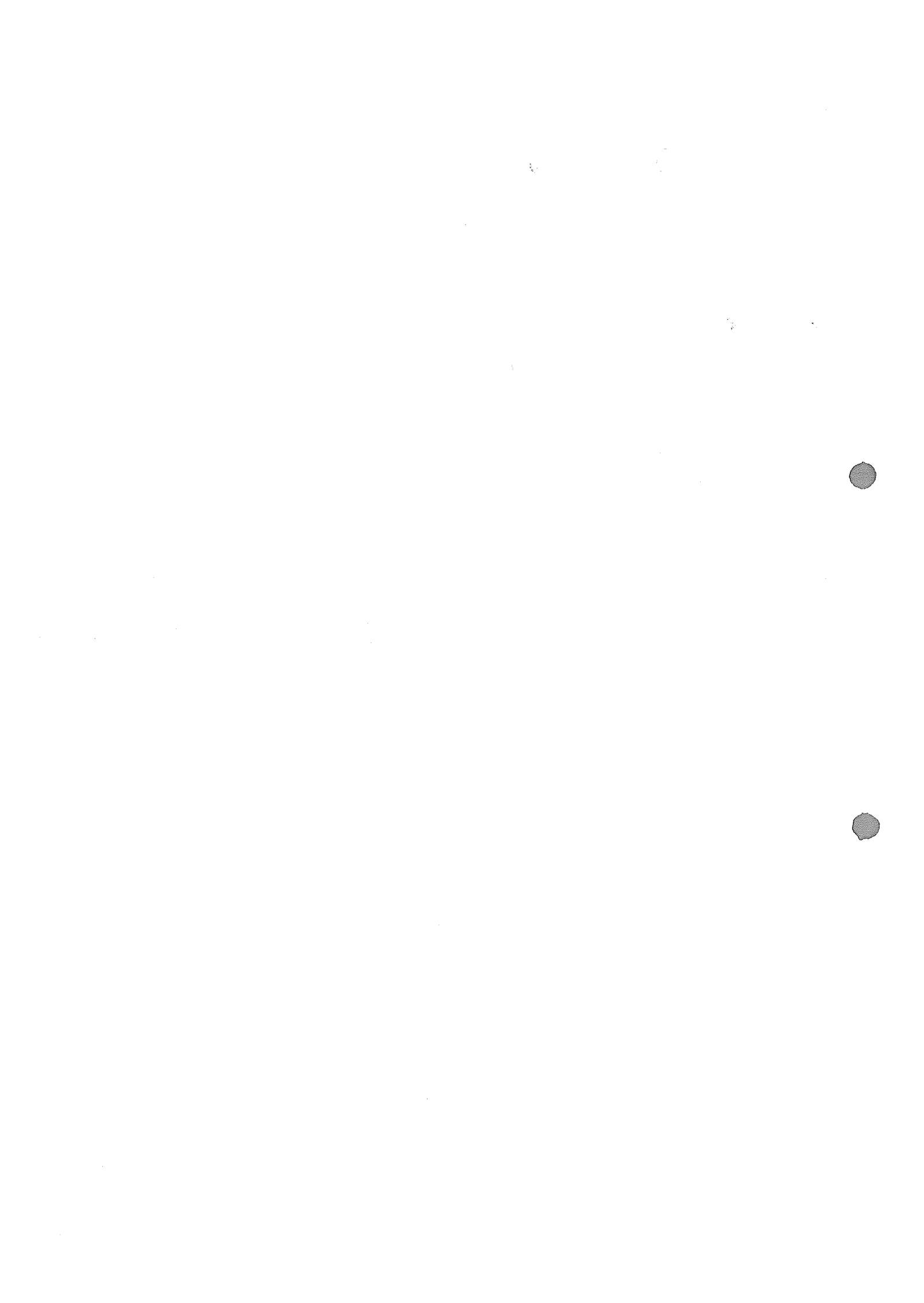
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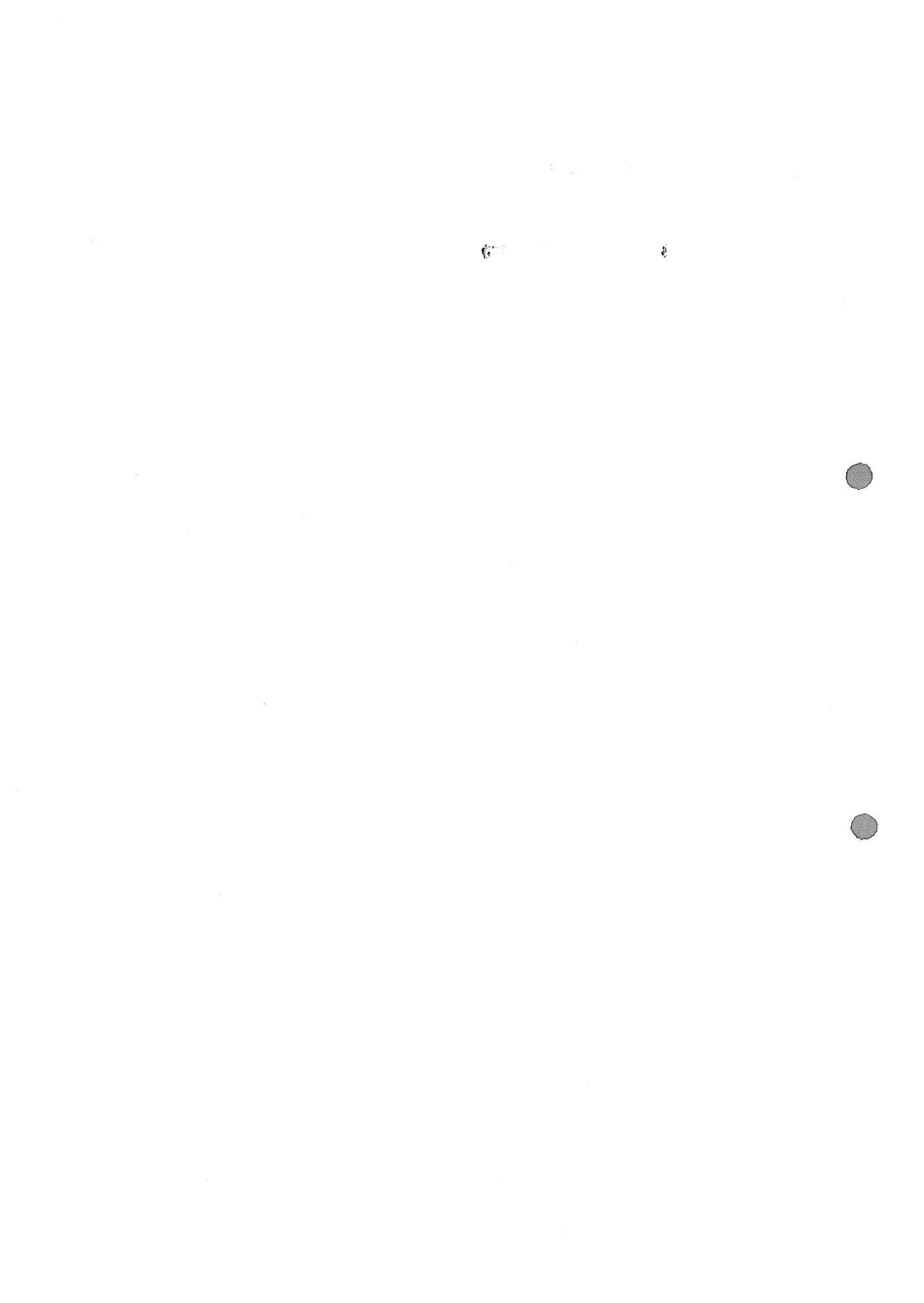


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## **BOSSUROY Melanie (SG)**

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**From:** WICKHAM Catherine (SG) on behalf of LEGRIS Gerard (SG)  
**Sent:** Sunday 23 June 2013 13:10  
**To:** [REDACTED] Philip Sheppard  
**Cc:** SG TRANSPARENCY REGISTER CONTACT; LEGRIS Gerard (SG); WICKHAM Catherine (SG)  
**Subject:** IPRA - Compte rendu - Meeting 5 June 2012 Transparency Register

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## Meeting Transparency Register – Stakeholders

**Date: 05 June 2013**

**Contributors: IPRA (majority of members European)**

**Represented by: Mr Philip Sheppard**

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According to the study of Aberdeen Business School, the Transparency Register is a success - IPRA would agree, a majority of actors are now registered. The review should now concentrate on introducing marginal improvements. There is an urgency to getting the Council on board, essentially because rules being introduced on the MS level are incompatible and there will be a strong need for harmonisation. The US system is too burdensome for Brussels practices, and would entail high costs for the organisations concerned. The TR and its Code of Conduct is an exercise of transparency, not ethics and this objective must not get lost under other ambitions.

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

IPRA favours a voluntary register.

**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.**

IPRA's members are on board. Most effective action to promote the register must take place within the institutions to promote its use by officials/ MEPs and Commissioners.



## **BOSSUROY Melanie (SG)**

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**From:** WICKHAM Catherine (SG) on behalf of LEGRIS Gerard (SG)  
**Sent:** Sunday 23 June 2013 13:15  
**To:** 'olewis@transparency.org'; Amanda Mcmenamin  
**Cc:** rpatz@transparency.org; 'jmittermaier@transparency.org'; SG TRANSPARENCY REGISTER CONTACT; LEGRIS Gerard (SG); WICKHAM Catherine (SG)  
**Subject:** Transparency International - Compte rendu - Meeting 5 June 2012 Transparency Register

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Dear Ms McMenamin,  
Dear Mr Lewis,

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## Meeting Transparency Register – Stakeholders

**Date: 05 June 2013**

**Contributors: TRANSPARENCY Intl**

**Represented by: Mr Olivier Lewis and Ms Amanda Mcmenamin**

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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 compares to other similar regulatory systems in the world.**

Lobbying is a legitimate exercise, although TI supports a more level playing field. Our position regarding technical improvements to the TR is available on our website.

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

TI supports mandatory register, and in the meantime it should be made quasi-mandatory. Rules of procedure of the institutions and rules on consultation processes should be updated accordingly. The role of MEPs is different to that of EC officials, and there is a differentiation between the actors involved in interest representation (journalists/ lobbyists/ lawyers). This differentiation needs to be better taken into account, i.e. rules should be different depending on the officials in question (in particular, whether they are from the Parliament or the Commission) and depending on the registrants concerned (e.g. whether they are an NGO or lawyers).

Links should be provided between organisations (associated by whatever means) throughout the Transparency Register.

The TR should give information about who is interacting with which institution: "who, when and how", i.e. more details about the lobbying activity itself. More focus should therefore be put on the potential for a legislative footprint (to function like a bibliography), and of meetings between officials and interest representatives.

An incentive for registration in the TR could be fast track access to the EU buildings (pre-registration online).

TI would welcome a legal opinion outlining the institutions' position regarding the possibility of a mandatory register. TI would like to see the Council and the ECB joining the Transparency Register.

TI would also be interested to know the precise objectives of the review, and what indicators will be used in the future to measure the success or failure of this review.

**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.**



## **BOSSUROY Melanie (SG)**

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**From:** WICKHAM Catherine (SG)  
**Sent:** Thursday 27 June 2013 17:29  
**To:** B.Dittmann@bdi.eu  
**Cc:** 'c.feustel@businessseurope.eu'; 'm.beyrer@businessseurope.eu'; SG TRANSPARENCY REGISTER CONTACT; LEGRIS Gerard (SG); WICKHAM Catherine (SG)  
**Subject:** Reminder: BUSINESSEUROPE - Compte rendu - Meeting 5 June 2012 Transparency Register

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Dear Mr Dittmann,

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Best regards,

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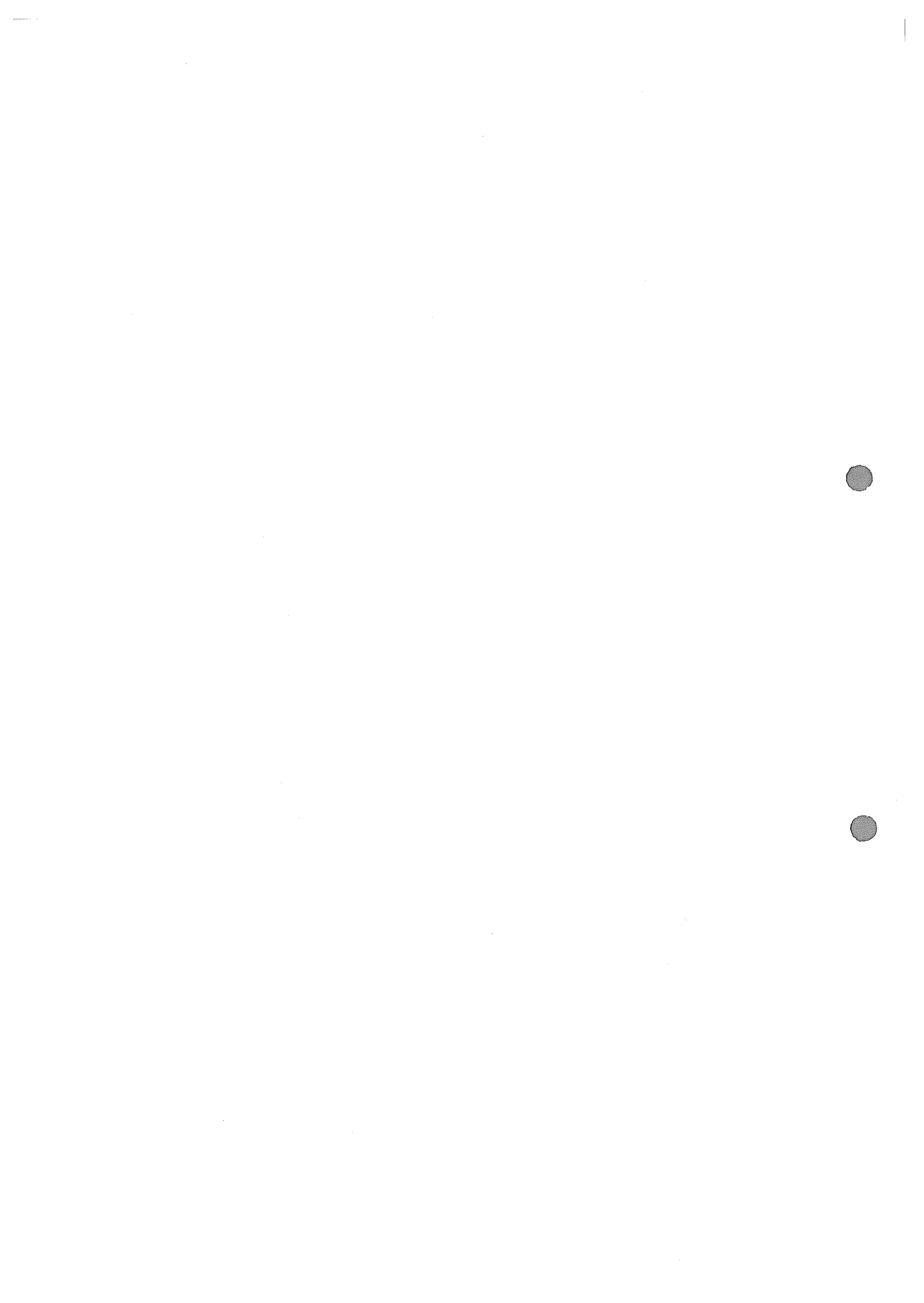
**From:** WICKHAM Catherine (SG) **On Behalf Of** LEGRIS Gerard (SG)  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 23, 2013 12:53 PM  
**To:** B.Dittmann@bdi.eu  
**Cc:** c.feustel@businessseurope.eu; m.beyrer@businessseurope.eu; SG TRANSPARENCY REGISTER CONTACT; LEGRIS Gerard (SG); WICKHAM Catherine (SG)  
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## **BOSSUROY Melanie (SG)**

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**Sent:** Thursday 27 June 2013 17:18  
**To:** Pazanne DUPONT  
**Cc:** SG TRANSPARENCY REGISTER CONTACT; LEGRIS Gerard (SG); WICKHAM Catherine (SG)  
**Subject:** Reminder: CEEP - Compte rendu - Meeting 5 June 2012 Transparency Register

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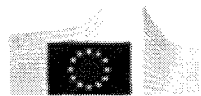
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**From:** WICKHAM Catherine (SG) **On Behalf Of** LEGRIS Gerard (SG)  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 23, 2013 1:03 PM  
**To:** Pazanne DUPONT  
**Cc:** SG TRANSPARENCY REGISTER CONTACT; LEGRIS Gerard (SG); WICKHAM Catherine (SG)  
**Subject:** CEEP - Compte rendu - Meeting 5 June 2012 Transparency Register

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