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More than 100 NGOs call on Parliament to take action on lobby transparency

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A [joint letter](#) supported by over 100 NGOs was published today, calling on the Members of the European Parliament to adopt a strong negotiating position on the EU Transparency Register. Negotiations on the new inter-institutional agreement are expected to start soon between the Parliament, Commission and Council.

The NGOs urge MEPs to:

- Commit to only meet with *registered* lobbyists
- Ensure that *more resources* are provided to the register secretariat to ensure data quality
- Retain the current definition of lobbying, which includes *direct and indirect* lobbying
- Maintain the objective of a *legally-binding* lobby register in the long-term.

The signatories of the joint letter include leading NGOs, including Greenpeace, Oxfam, the European Youth Forum, Social Platform and Transparency International.

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