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EVENT: Debugging Democracy: open data for political integrity in Europe

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Political corruption subverts democracy and undermines people's trust in government. Transparency is key to ensure that policymakers do not give preferential treatment to specific interests, distorting policies, institutions, and rules of procedure to cater to the needs of the few instead of the many.

From conflicts of interests of elected officials to undue influence by lobbyists and foreign interference in political finance, the consequences of political corruption can be dire. Each scandal fuelling the perception of widespread corruption within our democratic institutions. With the COVID crisis reinforcing pre-existing deficiencies in enforcing political integrity, Transparency International has developed a series of online tools designed to empower citizens, civil society, journalists and national authorities to detection and prevention of political corruption in eight EU Member States.

Together with our national European chapters, we analysed the resulting 18 datasets on lobbying, financial interests and political finance. Discover our report which highlights severe shortcomings in ethics regimes of France, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Slovenia, and Spain as well as in the European Commission and the European Parliament.

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13:00 -13:10	**Opening Remarks** **Lousewies van der Laan,** Executive Director, Transparency International Netherlands
13:10 -13:25	**Report launch** **DEBUGGING DEMOCRACY: OPEN DATA FOR POLITICAL INTEGRITY IN EUROPE** - Moderator: **Jon Vrushi,** Research coordinator, Transparency International Secretariat **Ieva Dun?ikait?,** Project leader, Transparency International Lithuania **Raphaël Kergueno**, Policy officer EU Integrity, Transparency International EU
13:25 -13:35	**Questions and Answers**
13:35 –14:30	**Panel discussion** **PREVENTING POLITICAL CORRUPTION IN THE EU** Moderator: **Helen Turek,** Regional Lead, Open Government Partnership **Daniel Freund,** Member of the European Parliament, European Parliament **Marie Lintzer,** Head of International Partnerships, High-Authority for Transparency in Public Life, France **Susanna Ferro,** Communications officer, Transparency International Italy
14:30 –14:50	**Questions and Answers**
14:50 – 15:00	**Closing Remarks** Transparency International EU

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