The corridors of power: Where money meets politics

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Transparency International EU leads the movement's EU-focused advocacy, in close cooperation with national chapters worldwide, but particularly with the 24 chapters in EU member states. Transparency International EU's mission is to prevent and address corruption and promote integrity, transparency and accountability in the EU institutions and in EU internal and external policies, programmes and legislation.

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Conference Programme – Overview

December 6th	"The art of the deal" How to keep politics clean?
U	Venue: European Parliament • Room 3C50
Time	Title
09h00-09h15	Welcome address
09h15-10h15	Lightning talks: ethics in politics
10h20-10h35	Coffee break
10h40-11h40	Lightning talks: lobby transparency
11h45 -12h45	Lightning talks: multilateral approach to ethics. Regaining citizens trust
12h50-13h00	Conclusion: take aways for the European Union
December 7th	 "Finding the dirt" Unearthing political corruption Venue: Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the European Union Rue Wiertz 77, 1000 Brussels
Time	Title
09h30-09h35	Opening remarks
09h35-09h45	Transparency International EU welcome remarks
09h45-09h55	Keynote: The EU's role in the fight against corruption
09h55-10h45	Panel: 'You scratch my back' – risks in political financing
10h45-12h20	Panel: Counting political corruption (coffee break at 11h30)
12h20-13h10	Panel: Cleaning the system: what next?
13h10-14h00	Lunch
14h00-14h50	Discussion: Open exchange with foundations
14h50-15h00	Conclusions



"The art of the deal"

How to keep politics clean?

6th December, 09:00 - 13:00

European Parliament • Room 3C50

09:00 - 09:15 Welcome address

Phillippe Lamberts Member of the European Parliament / Co-chair, Greens -European Free Alliance

09:15 – 10:15 Lightning talks – ethics in politics

Moderator: Monica Macovei Member of the European Parliament

Kip Wainscott Senior Advisor, National Democratic Institute

Elsa Foucraut Head of Advocacy, Transparency International France

Julia Keutgen Programme Specialist, United Nations Development Programme

Elizabeth Hempowicz Director of Public Policy, Project on Government Oversight

10:20 - 10:35 Coffee break

10:40 – 11:40 Lightning talks – lobby transparency

Moderator: Sven Giegold Member of the European Parliament

Alberto Precht Executive Director, Transparency International Chile

Sarah Bryner Research Director, Center for Responsive Politics

Antoine Colombani Cabinet of First Vice-President Frans Timmermans, European Commission

Daniel Freund Head of Advocacy EU Integrity, Transparency International EU

11:45 – 12:45 Lightning talks – multilateral approach to ethics. Regaining citizens' trust

Moderator: Dennis de Jong Member of the European Parliament

János Bertók Head of Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Paul Maassen Director for Civil Society Engagement, Open Government Partnership (OGP)

Helen Darbishire Executive Director, Access Info Europe

Jacopo Leone Democratic Governance Officer, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

12:50 – 13:00 Conclusions - take aways for the European Union

Elly Schlein Member of the European Parliament



"Finding the dirt" Unearthing political corruption

7th December, 09:30 - 16:00

Rue Wiertz 77, 1000 Brussels

Kindly hosted by the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the European Union

09:30 - 09:35 Opening remarks

Barbara Schretter Director, Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the European Union

09:35 – 09:45 Transparency International EU welcome remarks

Daniel Freund Head of Advocacy EU Integrity, Transparency International EU

09:45 – 09:55 The EU's role in the fight against corruption

Emily O'Reilly European Ombudsman

09:55 – 10:45 'You scratch my back...' – risks in political financing

Moderator: Paul Maassen

Director for Civil Society Engagement, Open Government Partnership

Fabiano Angélico Coordinator, Transparency International Brazil

Yosra Mkadem Project Coordinator, iWatch

Alex Howard Deputy Director, Sunlight Foundation

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Counting political corruption

Moderator: Daniel Freund Head of Advocacy EU Integrity, Transparency International EU

Alina Mungiu-Pippidi Professor of Democratic Studies, Hertie School of Governance

Michael Moses Director of Advocacy, Global Integrity

Ingrida Palamaité Project leader, Transparency International Lithuania

Emily Mansfield Analyst, The Economist Intelligence Unit

Sarah Bryner Research Director, Center for Responsive Politics

12:20 – 13:10 Cleaning the system: what next?

Moderator: Duncan Hames Director of Policy, Transparency International UK Eka Gigauri Executive Director, Transparency International Georgia Zoë Reiter Transparency International Representative in the US Alberto Alemanno Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law, École des Hautes Études Commerciales (HEC)

Dieter Zinnbauer Programme Manager, Transparency International Secretariat

13:10 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:50 Open exchange with foundations

Moderator: Carl Dolan

Director, Transparency International EU

Donal Mac Fhearraigh Programme Officer, Open Society initiative for Europe (OSIFE)

Tom Lee Programme Officer, Transparency and Accountability, Sigrid Rausing Trust

Gerry Salole Chief Executive, European Foundation Centre

14:50 - 15:00 Conclusions

Carl Dolan Director, Transparency International EU

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Philippe Lamberts is an MEP since 2009. As co-chair of the Greens/ EFA political group, he aims to reinforce the Greens profile in the EU and continues his work in the Economic and monetary affairs committee (ECON), with a focus on the fight against illicit financial flows. Prior to his election, Philippe Lamberts has worked at IBM and has been a pro-imminent Belgian politician. Philippe Lamberts graduated from the Catholic University of Louvain as engineer in applied mathematics.

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Monica Luisa Macovei is a Romanian MEP from the European Conservatives and Reformists political group. She was the Minister of Justice of Romania in the first cabinet of Prime Minister Călin Popescu-Tăriceanu. She is credited with implementing the justice reforms required for Romania to become a EU Member State, particularly on issues related to fighting corruption. Monica Macovei holds a Master of Law from the University of Bucharest and a Master of law in comparative constitutional law from the University of the State of New York/Central European University.

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Elly Schlein is an Italian MEP since 2014 for the Socialists & Democrats political group. As a member of the development committee, she has been pro-active in the fight against illicit financial flows and organised crime. Prior to her election to the European Parliament, Elly Schlein contributed to the founding of the University of Progress in Bologna, raising public awareness on issues related to migration policies. Elly Schlein holds a Master in Law from the University of Bologna.

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