

METHODOLOGY AND DISCLAIMER

The European Parliament [Code of Conduct for Members](#) with respect to financial interests and conflicts of interests allows MEPs to *receive reimbursement of travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses or the direct payment of such expenses pursuant to an invitation and in the performance of their duties at any events organised by third parties.* (Art 5, paragraph 3).

The rules designed to ensure transparency are laid down by the Bureau in [the implementing measures](#) for the code of conduct. Chapter 2 of the implementing measures makes the disclosure of travel, subsistence and accommodation received for attending events mandatory (art 6, paragraph 1) unless it falls under the list of exemptions (art 6, paragraph 2) such as when the costs are covered by an international organization or MEPs own political party.

These declarations contain the name of the third party, the type of expenses, the nature and venue of the event as well as the dates and duration of attendance. To ensure transparency and prevent undue influence, MEPs must publish these declarations on their individual pages on the European Parliament website within the following deadlines (art 8):

Members shall submit their declaration pursuant to Article 6(1) and Article 7 by no later than the last day of the next month following the final of the Member's attendance at the event.

TI EU has collected all declarations published between July 2019 and Friday 10 February 2023. Declarations are deemed late when the time difference between the last day of the event and the submission date, both present on the declaration, does not conform to the rules laid out in the implementing measures.

Please note: MEPs bear the sole responsibility for timely publication. It is therefore possible to retroactively publish declarations that might not be reflected in our analysis if that publication took place after the 10 February 2023. The list of MEPs and their parliamentary group affiliation was retrieved on the same day from the European Parliament website. Please consult the EP website for the most up to date list of declaration. These are uploaded to our online platform [Integrity Watch EU](#) on the 1st and 15th of every month.

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