

## EXPLANATORY ON METHODOLOGY AND DISCLAIMER

In January 2019, the European Parliament changed its [internal rules](#) of procedures by adopting new lobby transparency provisions:

*Members should publish online all scheduled meetings with interest representatives falling under the scope of the Transparency register. Without prejudice to Article 4(6) of Annex I, rapporteurs, shadow rapporteurs and committee chairs shall, for each report, publish online all scheduled meetings with interest representatives falling under the scope of the Transparency register. The Bureau shall provide for necessary infrastructure on Parliament's website.*

The [Parliament's own FAQ](#) on the publication of lobby meetings provides the following time delays:

*Bearing in mind that this obligation to rapporteurs, shadow rapporteurs or chairs pertains to "each report", all meetings need to be disclosed at the latest in advance of the vote in committee and the plenary vote (for meetings occurring after the vote in committee). If the meeting was in close temporal connection to the vote in committee or plenary and the declaration is not possible beforehand, the Member should then publish it without undue delay and in any case by the end of the week following the date of the meeting.*

In practice, these rules make it difficult to track compliance since it is hard to link up data from the various institutional websites to be able to compare it easily with the lobby meetings published by MEPs.

All other MEPs not in charge of legislative files or chairing a committee can opt to publish their meetings voluntarily on their individual pages of the European Parliament website.

TI EU has collected the meetings directly from these pages up until the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2022. MEPs bear the sole responsibility of timely publication. It is therefore possible to retroactively publish meetings that might not be reflected in our report if that publication took place after the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2022. The list of MEPs and their parliamentary group affiliation was retrieved on the same day from the parliament website. Any subsequent changes in parliamentary group composition were not considered for the drafting of this report.

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