

WEBINAR

Stories of use cases: Open data and a new push for European democracy

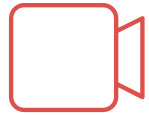
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26 May 2023

10.00 — 11.30 CET

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Agenda

10:00 – 10:10 CET

Introduction to
the political priority 'A
new push
for European democracy'
and the role of open data

10:10 – 10:25 CET

Get to know: EU Integrity
Watch

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Get to know: Institute for
Freedom of Information

10:40 – 11:25 CET

Panel discussion

11:15 – 11:30 CET

Wrap up and feedback



Our speakers




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Introduction to the political priority 'A new push for European democracy' and the role of open data

A New Push for European Democracy

- Strive for more in nurturing, protecting and strengthening our democracy
- Unity based on shared economic values: free independent press, upholding the rule of law, fundamental rights and equality for all.



Open data nurturing our democracies

- **Open data** empowers citizens to make decisions based on reliable information
- **Open data** makes governments and public administrations accountable and more transparent
- **Open data** helps fight disinformation and fake news with the power of trustworthy information from reliable resources

The series on use cases

- The third of the series, to present real-time initiatives on how to use open data to address global political priorities (European Green Deal, An economy that works for people,...)
- Data.europa.eu as central point bringing together users and data providers, to raise **awareness** about the importance of data sharing to grasp economic opportunities

Use case observatory: A 3-year monitoring exercise of 30 reuse cases to understand the economic, governmental, social and environmental impact of open data

EU Datathon: The open data competition, inviting teams to develop apps with open data to address political priorities



Get to know: EU Integrity Watch

Raphaël Kergueno



EU INTEGRITY WATCH

Opening data to foster lobby transparency

26 April 2023

data.europa academy Stories of use cases: open data and a new push for European democracy

Presented by

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EU INTEGRITY WATCH: ENHANCING INTEGRITY THROUGH CIVIC MONITORING

The screenshot shows the homepage of the EU Integrity Watch website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the title "EU Integrity Watch" and a welcome message. Below the header, there are five main content cards: "European Commission", "EU lobbyists", "European Parliament", "Red flags", and "Data Hub". Each card features an icon, a title, a brief description, and a button to explore further. The "European Commission" card has an icon of a building and a button for "EC MEETINGS". The "EU lobbyists" card has an icon of two hands shaking and a button for "EU LOBBYISTS". The "European Parliament" card has an icon of a dome and buttons for "MEP INCOME" and "MEP MEETINGS". The "Red flags" card has an icon of a map with red markers and a button for "GO TO REDFLAGS". The "Data Hub" card has an icon of a database and a button for "GO TO THE DATA HUB".

EU Integrity Watch

Welcome to EU Integrity Watch: a central hub for online tools that allow citizens, journalists, and civil society to monitor the integrity of decisions made by politicians in the European Union. For this purpose, data that is often scattered and difficult to access is collected, harmonised, and made easily available. The platform allows you to search, rank and filter the information in an intuitive way. Through EU Integrity Watch contributes to increasing transparency, integrity, and equality of access to EU decision-making and to monitor the EU institutions for potential conflicts of interest, undue influence or even corruption.

Should you have any questions or would like to share your thoughts, feel free to [reach out to us](#).

[VIEW OUR TOOLS >](#)

Welcome to Integrity Watch EU!
User-friendly interactive visualisation and monitoring tools about the EU Commission, Parliament & more.

European Commission

High-level lobby meetings published by the European Commission since 2014.

[EC MEETINGS >](#)

EU lobbyists

Lobby organisations registered in the EU Transparency Register - the register of Brussels based lobbyists.

[EU LOBBYISTS >](#)

European Parliament

Declaration of financial interests and lobby meetings published Members of the European Parliament.

[MEP INCOME >](#)
[MEP MEETINGS >](#)

Red flags

This EU Integrity Watch tool flags potential risk in public procurement and helps you navigate notices published on the EU's Tender Electronic database from 27 Member States.

[GO TO REDFLAGS >](#)

Data Hub

This central hub will provide you with an overview of all existing national Integrity Watch platforms deployed across the EU. Register to join the fight against political corruption and gain access to one of the largest databases on political integrity in Europe.

[GO TO THE DATA HUB >](#)

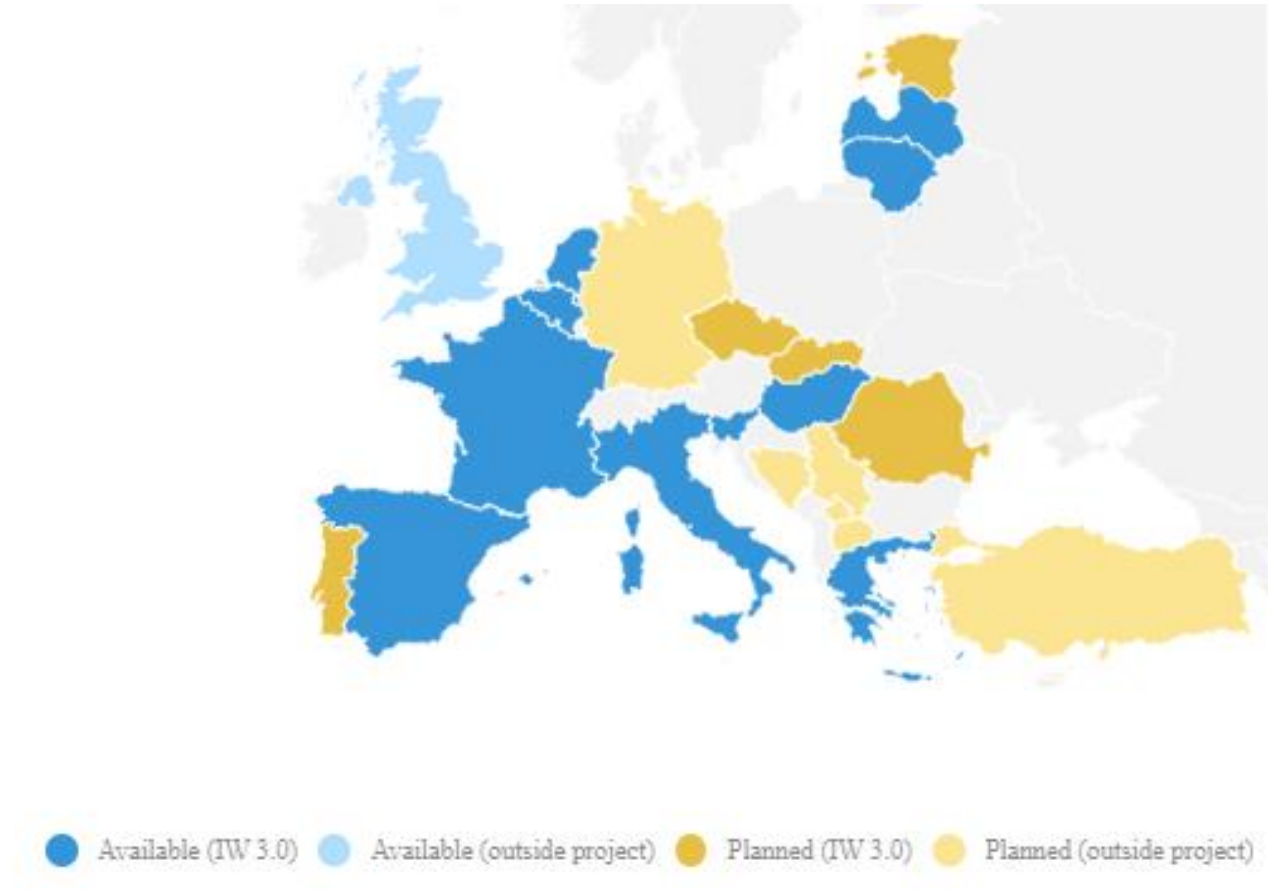
- Empowers citizens, journalists, civil society to enhance EU political integrity.
- Provides interactive databases on Commission & MEP lobby meetings, EU lobbyists and MEP side incomes in a **user-friendly format** in the form of dynamic graphs, tables and text.
- **>15k users per year**, hundreds of media-stories, academic research & civil society engagement.
- All data from EU IW and national platforms available on the new **Integrity Watch Data Hub**

INTEGRITY WATCH 3.0 : ENHANCING INTEGRITY THROUGH CIVIC MONITORING

- IW Platforms deployed in 9 EU Member States & 2 EU institutions (EC & EP) covering 43% of EU citizens + UK
- 32 datasets cleaned, parsed and analysed on asset and income declarations, political finance & lobbying + EU public procurement database (TED)
- IW 3.0 project: 50+ new datasets, 7 risk monitoring tools & 7 new countries by end of 2023
- 6 new countries planned outside IW 3.0 project
- IW Datahub: data.integritywatch.eu



This project is funded by the European Union's Internal Security Fund – Police



INTEGRITY WATCH AS A TOOL FOR DATA-DRIVEN ADVOCACY

1. Integrity Watch EU **raises awareness** among the citizens, journalists, academia and policy-making on TI's positions on lobby transparency, prevention of conflicts of interests and fraud in EU public procurement.
2. Data-analysis highlights gaps and best practices in rules governing ethics in public life leading to **targeted advocacy recommendations**.
3. Collecting and providing hard to reach data pushes public institutions to adopt **better open data standards** in the field of political integrity

THE EU TRANSPARENCY REGISTER

- Transparency Register displays **key information on 12k lobbyists in Brussels**: basic details, goals, policies files followed, lobbyists, financial data and EU funding received and **unique IDs**.
- Definition encompasses all actors involved in influencing EU decision-making, both through direct and indirect means **improves data quality**.
- Full dataset made available in **machine-readable formats** on the European Commission open data portal.
- Data challenge: **different reporting requirement** between type of organisations → impacts Integrity Watch EU and makes analysis more difficult.
- Regulatory challenge: not mandatory for the European Parliament and Council → **does not capture all lobbyists active in Brussels**.

The screenshot displays the EU Transparency Register website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the European Commission logo and the text 'Transparency Register'. A search bar is located on the right. Below the navigation bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'EUROPA > Transparency Register > Search the register'. A secondary navigation bar contains links for 'Home', 'About', 'Consult the register', 'Register or update', 'Alerts & complaints', 'EP accreditation', and 'Contact us'. A 'Share' button is visible on the right. Below the navigation, there is a 'Return to results list' button and a row of utility icons. The main content area shows the 'Profile of registrant' for 'Transparency International'. The profile includes the following information:

- Transparency International**
- Identification number in the register: **501222919-71**
- Registration date: **23/06/2008 17:00:39**
- The information on this entity was last modified on: **13/11/2019 10:09:22**
- The date of the last annual update was: **21/05/2019 14:22:39**
- Next update due latest on: **21/05/2020**

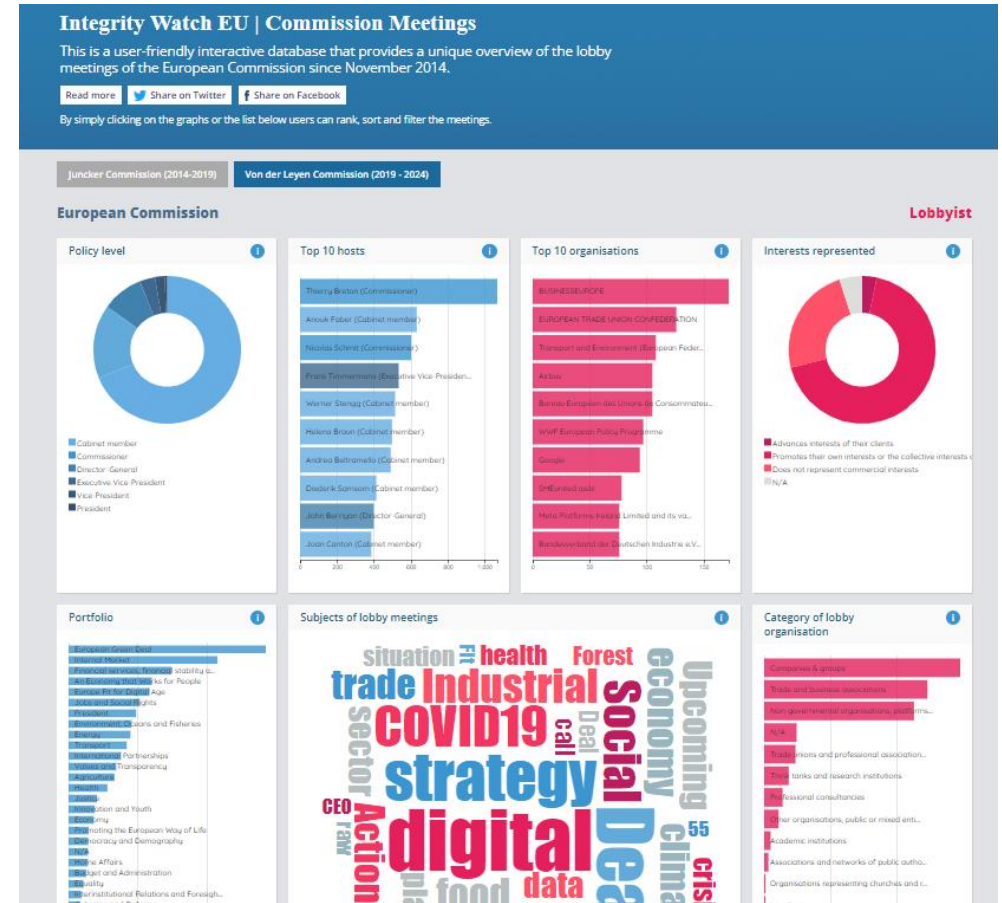
EU INTEGRITY WACTH: OPENING-UP DATA ON COMMISSION LOBBYING

- **2014:** High-level lobby meetings (Commissioners, Cabinet members and Director-generals) made available **on 90+ page of EC website.**
- **2018:** High-level lobby meetings **published in e-pdfs** on individual entries of EU lobbyists on the Transparency Register in 2018 **directly generated from the EC database**
- **2022:** High-level lobby meetings published **in machine-readable formats** (.xml and .csv) on data.Europa.eu
- Open data challenge: **scrapers / parsers prone to errors** and require constant maintenance. Severe impact for data-visualisation platform such as IW EU.
- Open data best practice: **EC meetings uses TR unique IDs** → facilitates cross-referencing with key lobbyist information

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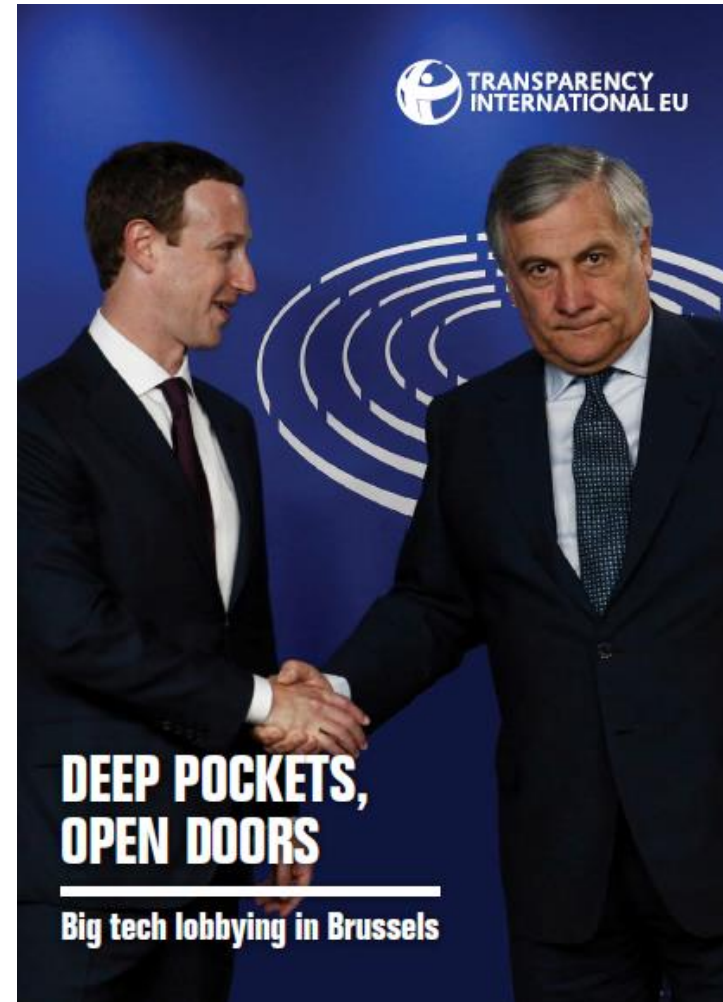
EU INTEGRITY WATCH: COMMISSION LOBBYING KEY FINDINGS

- **19k high-level lobby meetings** (Commissioners, Cabinet members and Director-generals) published under President Von der Leyen Commission.
- Top 3 EC portfolio's targeted by lobbyists are: **European Green Deal** (2846), **Internal Market** (2147) & **Financial Services** (1486).
- Companies and business associations represent **55% of all meetings**.
- Nearly 30% of all meetings were held with civil society and other-non commercial entities.
- Commissioner with the most meetings is **Thierry Breton**.
- Top organisations with the most meetings are: **Business Europe** (172), **European Trade Union Confederation** (126) & **Transport and Environment** (108).



EU INTEGRITY WATCH: WHY DOES IT MATTER FOR DEMOCRACY ?

- Data published on lobbying re-published on IW EU is used by **academia, investigative journalists, CSO's resulting in hundreds of articles & reports**
- **TI EU re-uses data** to look at lobbying footprint of certain categories of organisations (eg: big tech) and **draw recommendations based on empirical analysis**
- **Fosters greater understanding** on EU decision-making and creates a mechanism of accountability that **enhances citizens trust.**
- **Open data** contributes to **open governance**



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Ευχαριστώ !

Grazie !

Merci !

¡Gracias!

Thank you !

Hvala vam !

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Get to know: Institute for Freedom of Information

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DATALAB.GE – ACCESS TO OPEN DATA FOR GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

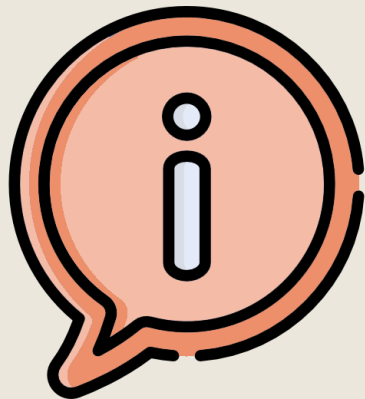
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IDFI's Initial Activities regarding Access to Public Data

- Established in 2009
- **Our Vision** - is an informed and empowered society for democratic governance
- Information as a **driving force** for a democratic and prosperous society.
- **IDFI's DNA:** Information fuels democratic and prosperous societies. It empowers *citizens* to hold governments and businesses accountable, *governments* to better respond to citizens' needs, and *businesses* to design innovative, growth-oriented solutions.



IDFI's Initial Activities regarding Access to Public Data

- **Requesting public information** from all public institutions
- **Annual ranking** of public institutions based on their compliance with FOI requests
- **Monitoring websites** of public institutions
- **Advocating** the improvement of access to public information legislation, standards and practice
- **Using data for holding government accountable:** analyzing various government policies and programs, studying bureaucratic expenses, elaborating evidence-based recommendations, outreach through videos and visualizations.



DataLab.Ge - Georgia's Open Data Lab



DataLab enables you to



Explore

Explore datasets on public policy issues in open formats



Analyse

Process, categorize analyse data of your interest



Publish

Get involved yourself publish your data



Visualize

Prepare simple data visualizations



Create

Create new apps using open data



Download

Download data in open formats



Share

Share data in social networks

Impact and Other Initiatives of Promoting the Use of and Access to Open data

- **#Data4Change** Annual Essay Contest
- **Awareness Raising Materials/Events** - Toolkits for journalists, activists and civil servants
- **Improving Legislation** – Standard on Proactive Disclosure of Public Information, New Law on Access to Public Information, open data standards
- Legal Aid to Journalists
- Strategic Litigation
- Support public institutions to improve open data management systems (Strategies, Capacity Building, Open Data Portal Concept, etc.)



Good Governance Initiative

Open Data Guidebook for Civil Servants

Thank you for your Attention!

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Panel discussion: How open data can support our democracies

Place your questions in the chat!



Panel discussion



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Stay up-to-date on our 2023 activities!

- **Webinar series on data spaces and open data** – *to be continued*
- **Webinar series dedicated to the Open Data Maturity dimensions** – *To be continued during July*
- **Webinar series dedicated to use cases continued** – *final edition on 30th of June*

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