**Lobbying Regulation: Open Government Partnership (OGP) Event**

May 5th, 14:00-16:00 CEST (English language)

[Registration via Zoom](https://opengovpartnership-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwld-2opj4vGN1qMaP7mMaSgP2u84iR1ih4)

**Objectives**

* Convene issue experts and OGP members to discuss experiences & share learnings, with a view to leveraging the OGP platform to strengthen the design and implementation of lobbying regulation
* Explore the concept and value of an OGP discussion forum on lobbying

**Participants, 50-60**

* National governments
* Members of Parliament
* Civil society organisations
* International organisations/multilaterals
* Private sector
* Academia

**Agenda -** *subject to change*

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| **Timing** | **Session** |
| 14:00-14:05 | **Welcome from the OGP Support Unit** |
| 14:05-14:35 | **Lobbying: What’s driving regulation?**  Moderator: **Helen Darbishire**, Director, Access Info Europe  Speakers:   * **Sherry Perrault**, Head of Ethics and Lobbying Regulation, Standards in Public Office Commission, Ireland * **Sergejus Muravjovas**, CEO, Transparency International Lithuania * **Raj Chari**, Professor of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin * **Diego Bayon**, Director of Public Awareness, Harmon Corporate Affairs & Board Member of APRI |
| 14:35-14:45 | **Discussion among all participants** |
| 14:45-14:50 | **Sneak Preview!**  OECD Report Launch *“Lobbying in the 21st Century: Transparency, Integrity and Access"*  **Pauline Bertrand**, Junior Policy Analyst, Public Sector Integrity Division, OECD |
| 14:50-14:55 | **Break** |
| 14:55-15:00 | **Break-outs: pitches & transition**  *Participants will hear 30-second pitches from each break-out lead, and then self-select a break-out group* |
| 15:00-15:35 | **Break-out 1: The reality of developing a legislative framework for lobbying**  **Inese Voika**, MP, Latvian Saeima   * *What are the key challenges and obstacles to developing a legislative framework for lobbying?* * *How can parliaments champion this issue, and build partnerships?* |
| **Break-out 2: Civil society as a critical actor**  **Federico Anghelé**, The Good Lobby Italy  **Duncan Hames**, Director of Policy, TI UK   * *What tactics work when advocating for lobbying regulation? How can civil society build coalitions for change?* * *How can civil society manage the opportunities and risks of a lobbying scandal?* |
| **Break-out 3: We’ve got lobby regulation! Now what?**  **María Pía Junquera Temprano**, Director General of Citizen Participation, Madrid City  **Helen Darbishire**, Director, Access Info Europe   * *What implementation issues emerge once regulation is in place?* * *How do we make good use of the data and information published in a lobby register?* |
| **Break-out 4: EU updates & Integrity Watch Platform**  **Vitor Teixeira**, Advocacy Officer, TI EU  **Inese Tauriņa**, Executive Director, Delna   * *What can be learned from lobbying by multinational companies at the EU level?* * *What can be learned from existing online tools on transparency? A look into Integrity Watch - overview and* [*Latvian*](https://deputatiuzdelnas.lv/) *example.* |
| **Break-out 5: Engaging the private sector**  **Robin Hodess**, Strategy Lead, The B Team   * *What is the value of regulating lobbying from a business perspective?* * *How can the private sector help advance rules on lobbying?* |
| 15:35-15:40 | **Quick-fire Report Back** by break-out leads |
| 15:40-15:55 | **Exploring an OGP Discussion Forum on Lobbying**   * *What forums already exist? (Inputs from HATVP & OECD)* * *What do OGP members need? What would a discussion forum look like? Who would participate?* |
| 15:55-16:00 | **Close** |

**Background**

Lobbying regulation has been growing as a topic within OGP action plans over the last few years. To date, commitments related to lobbying have been made by approximately 13 OGP members including [Bogotá](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/colombia/commitments/co0078/), [Chile](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/chile/commitments/cl0030/), [Croatia](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/croatia/commitments/hr0023/), [Estonia](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/estonia/commitments/EE0058/), [Finland](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/finland/commitments/FI0032/), [France](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/france/commitments/FR0049/), [Georgia](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/georgia/commitments/ge0091/), [Ireland](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/ireland/commitments/ie0014/), [Italy](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/italy/commitments/it0061/), [Latvia](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/latvia/commitments/lv0042/), [Madrid](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/madrid-spain/commitments/mad0001/), [Romania](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/romania/commitments/ro0039/) and [Spain](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/spain/commitments/ES0054/). According to OGP’s Independent Reporting Mechanism data, lobbying, along with beneficial ownership transparency, has been the most ambitious policy area in Europe. With this growing interest, OGP has ambitions to strengthen peer exchange and knowledge sharing to improve both commitment design and implementation within OGP.

**Recommended Reading**

* [Recommendations on Lobbying for OGP Action Plans](https://www.transparency.org/en/publications/recommendations-on-lobbying-for-open-government-partnership-national-action) - *Transparency International*
* [International Standards for Lobbying Regulation](https://lobbyingtransparency.net/) - *Transparency International, Access Info Europe, Open Knowledge Foundation, Sunlight Foundation*
* [OECD Principles for Transparency and Integrity in Lobbying](https://www.oecd.org/gov/ethics/oecdprinciplesfortransparencyandintegrityinlobbying.htm) - *OECD*