

Subject:AMISA2 Transparency Register entry

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From:"Georg Brodach"

To:Rachel

Hi Rachel,

further to your requests:

- In order to „beef-up“ the audience when I do not have participants, I invite personal friends who are interested in the subject or “between jobs” or I invite potential candidates for AMISA2-membership.
- I attach the requested lists of participants.(cf. attachments). These discussions help exactly that: transparency.
- There are no minutes and there is no result, because there is no common set of interests and the intention is not to come to a “result” whatsoever ... if not to learn, understand and be educated on the topic. We are not a lobbying organization.
- Correct. There is no website. I am a “one-man-show” and AMISA2 got started in July 2010. Before that there was a different organization of the name of AMISA (since the 90s) which was then created on the model of an organization GBF in Washington DC, but which ceased to exist. I took the good name in 2010 in order to continue along the same lines and to build on the good reputation among the professionals and with the institutions. The nearly 6 years now confirm my approach.

I hope with this you have all the info and understanding you need.

Kind regards,

Georg

Von: Rachel

Gesendet: Donnerstag, 18. Februar 2016 15:11

An: Georg Brodach

Betreff: Re: AW: Qu. re. AMISA2 Transparency Register entry

Dear Georg,

Many thanks for your prompt and helpful response.

I notice that some of the companies listed as participants in the meeting documents you sent are not included in the list of members (e.g. Samsung, BP, BMW, Deutsche Bank) - does the membership of AMISA2 change, or are the meetings open to other companies as well?

I would be very grateful if you would be willing to share the participants lists of the following meetings, concerning trade:

26 January 2016, Mr David McAllister, MEP, VP EPP, European Parliament, "Transatlantic Relationships – TTIP and beyond"

10 December 2014, H.E. Anthony L. Gardner, U.S. Ambassador to the European Union, "The Transatlantic Agenda – TTIP and More"

26 February 2014, Mr Jean-Luc Demarty, Director General, DG TRADE, European Commission, "Recent Developments of the EU Trade Agenda"

11 October 2012, Ms Signe Ratso, Director, DG TRADE, European Commission, "European Trade Policy – Latest Developments"

Furthermore, given the utmost importance of transparency around the TTIP negotiations, and who is seeking to influence them, I would also respectfully request that you consider sharing any minutes/notes/summaries of the above four meetings.

If I am correct in understanding that AMISA2 does not have a website, would you be able to give a brief history of its founding (ie when and how, by whom etc) and name? I see from the list of meetings you provided that it has been active since 1994.

With thanks for your time and consideration,

Rachel Tansey

On 2016-02-17 19:00, Georg Brodach wrote:

Hi Rachel,

Thank you for your mail. I am happy to respond to your questions.

1. Please find a list of the actual members attached. The annual fee is 4000 Euros. The rule is that only the heads of the Brussels office can participate in the breakfast meetings, but may – exceptionally – be substituted by a colleague.
2. AMISA2 – for the moment – holds only its monthly breakfast meetings. For your information I attach the complete list of our past meetings with the guest-speakers and their topics. At the same time let me send you as attachment a couple of typical lists of participants.

I hope this is of help.

Kind regards,

Georg Brodach

Von: Rachel

Gesendet: Mittwoch, 17. Februar 2016 18:31

An: Georg

Betreff: Qu. re. AMISA2 Transparency Register entry

Dear Mr Brodach,

I'm writing to you to inquire about AMISA2, with regards to the information supplied in the Transparency Register. I am a research consultant for Corporate Europe Observatory, a research and campaign group working to expose and challenge the privileged access and influence enjoyed by corporations and their lobby groups in EU policy making. I was passed your contact details by Folker Franz from ABB Group, after I got in touch with him to ask more about ABB's membership of AMISA2.

Firstly, in [AMISA2's TR entry](#), it states "Total number of members that are natural persons: 17" but it does not list these members, nor any member organisations. I would note that the Transparency Register shows membership of AMISA2 listed by Amgen Inc, ABB Group, Dow Europe, F. Hoffmann-La Roche and Total. However, in the interests of transparency, I would like to ask you for a full list of AMISA2's members. I would also like to inquire about the conditions of membership, as I note that AMISA2's 2014 funding of 50,000EUR came entirely from members.

Secondly, under goals/remit, it is stated that "The association intends to promote European political information, education and exchange. To this end it organizes meetings, trips and visits. AMISA2 holds in particular monthly breakfast debates with key people from the institutions in order to educate industry representatives about recent developments in EU policy fields." Could you indicate where one might find more information about these monthly breakfast debates and other events put on by AMISA2, including, for example, participants and topics?

Any other information about AMISA2 that you would be willing to share would be gratefully received.

I very much appreciate your timely response.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Tansey