

RESEARCHING CORPORATE LOBBYING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



Corporate lobbying is a murky business that tends to thrive in the absence of public scrutiny. If you're looking to research the world of big business lobbying, there are a range of free online tools that can help.

SOURCES ON EU LOBBYING AND EU POLICY-MAKING

LobbyFacts provides essential data on lobbying in the EU institutions, with handy tools to search, sort, compare and analyse official EU lobby data from past and present. It's run by Corporate Europe Observatory and LobbyControl.
lobbyfacts.eu

Integritywatch is run by Transparency International's EU office and it takes data from MEPs' declarations of interest, from the official EU lobby register, and from the published lists of lobby meetings held by commissioners, cabinet members, and directors-general
integritywatch.eu

RevolvingDoorWatch is a database of key revolving door cases of commissioners, MEPs and other EU officials who have gone through the revolving door into lobbying or industry jobs. Former lobbyists who have taken up jobs in the EU institutions are also featured.
corporateeurope.org/revolvingdoorwatch

AsktheEU was built by the organisation Access Info Europe to help members of the public get information about the EU. You can submit access to documents requests to the EU institutions and view those that have been made by others.
AsktheEU.org

Lobbypedia run by LobbyControl (in German) highlights the influence of lobbyism on politics and the public
Lobbypedia.de

Green MEPs' database (in real time) of their lobby meetings
lobbycal.greens-efa-service.eu

UK Conservative MEPs' lists (six monthly) of their lobby meetings
conservativeeurope.com/MEP-Expenses

VoteWatch.eu Tracks European Parliament voting per issue, per MEP
VoteWatch.eu

SEMDOC is published by Statewatch and provides monitoring of EU Justice and Home Affairs policy
statewatch.org/semDOC

Powerbase is published by Public Interest Investigations and is a guide to networks of power, lobbying, and deceptive PR
powerbase.info

FarmSubsidy provides information on how EU farming subsidies are spent
farmsubsidy.openspending.org

LobbyCloud.eu is supported by the Green group of MEPs and is a "library of influences on public policy"
lobbycloud.eu

OFFICIAL EU SOURCES

EU lobby transparency register is run by the Commission and Parliament. As registration is voluntary, its data is imperfect

Register of **Commission's expert groups**

Commission's SINAPSE platform promotes expertise in EU policy making and governance

Register of Comitology procedures when the Commission implements EU legislation with committees of representatives from EU member states

All **Commission press releases**

Register of **Commission documents**

Register of weekly **College minutes**

Who is Who database which can help you to track down an individual working in the EU institutions

Register of European Union law including the treaties, legislation, case-law and legislative proposals, plus extensive search facilities

Documents and other information concerning ongoing and closed **public consultations** by the Commission

The **budgets of the EU institutions**

Information on **public contracts and funding programmes** managed by the Commission

Register of **European Court of Justice cases**

The **Legislative Observatory** which tracks the progress of legislation

In the European Parliament, you can monitor **parliamentary questions** and check the **Parliament's calendar**



DATA ON US LOBBYING

OpenSecrets is run by the Center for Responsive Politics and presents analysis of news, parties, elected members, candidates, as well as disclosing how much campaign money has been raised and where it comes from. It also analyses the lobby spending of registered lobby organisations **OpenSecrets.org**

SourceWatch.org is published by the **Center for Media and Democracy** and it provides analysis of US corporate public relations (PR) campaigns, including corporate front groups **SourceWatch.org**

Semi-Annual Reports – FARA the Foreign Agents Registration Act, published by the Department of Justice **fara.gov/annualrpts.html**

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