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SEAP welcomes Commission's Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory EU Transparency Register

SEAP, the Society of European Affairs Professionals, broadly welcomes the release today by the European Commission of the draft Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory EU Transparency Register.

Malte Lohan, SEAP's President, said: "We support a mandatory EU Transparency Register that will help create a level-playing field across the profession and will put transparency at the heart of EU decision-making. We therefore welcome the Commission's Interinstitutional Agreement, which we consider a unique opportunity for substantial and ambitious reform in this area".

Commenting on today's release, Rui Faria da Cunha, SEAP's Director General, said: "We are happy that the new Transparency Register covers all three EU institutions: the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission. However, we note that the reform was not extended to other institutions, bodies and agencies and look forward to working with institutions to see how disclosure and transparency principles can be brought to those areas as well".

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