



EASE Compliance Guidelines on Ethical Lobbying

EASE is an EU, Brussels-based association that engages in lobbying and therefore must adhere to the requirements of the EU Transparency Register, which was set by the [Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission](#). Members and individuals representing member companies in EASE, as well as their parent companies and/ or affiliates, must comply with the obligations and expectations that derive from their membership in EASE regarding lobbying activities, which include complying with the EU Transparency Register and the code of conduct annexed to the Interinstitutional Agreement.

These Guidelines are designed with a view of providing clear indications as to what is deemed by EASE as ethical lobbying, and therefore, in accordance with these Guidelines. In particular, EASE and its members (either in their role as EASE representatives or in their own behalf) as well as their parent companies and/or affiliates, shall:

- a) comply with the code of conduct annexed to the Interinstitutional Agreement, and, to the extent applicable, any other legal or regulatory requirements related to lobbying activities,
- b) not engage in activities that promote unethical advocacy and/or lobbying, such as bribery, corruption, or similar activities.

Furthermore, members shall represent the interests of EASE, as defined by the members or the authorised elected positions, when representing EASE before third parties. Members shall not intentionally represent their personal interests or their companies' interests while claiming to be representing the position of EASE.

Each member, and their parent companies or affiliates, when joining EASE, or when renewing their membership, implicitly accepts and confirms that they will follow and abide by these Guidelines on lobbying.

Should a member breach these Guidelines, the Association may take all appropriate actions to protect EASE regarding legal or reputational damage if it deems that the trust between the member and EASE has been impaired. EASE will be allowed to expel the member from the Association in accordance with Article 10 of the EASE Statutes.