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Answer given by President von der Leyen
on behalf of the European Commission
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Organising conferences, events or communication campaigns with the objective of influencing the formulation or implementation of policy or legislation, or the decision-making process of the EU institutions, are interest representation activities covered by the Interinstitutional Agreement on the Transparency Register¹, pursuant to its Article 3. Interest representatives which are registered in the Transparency Register are required to declare in their registrations those activities, as well as the related financial information, including any sponsorship received or provided.

The Commission publishes information on, and minutes of, all meetings held between Members of the Commission, their members of Cabinet or Commission staff holding management functions and interest representatives in accordance with Commission Decisions (EU) 2024/3081² and 2024/3082³. These publication rules do not apply to the participation of Members of the Commission, members of their Cabinets or Commission staff holding management functions in public events, including conferences or other public sponsored media events, since information on such occurrences is already in the public domain.

In order to ensure transparency, the Commission does however require publishing information on closed-door events, as well as on any meetings held with interest representatives in the margins of such events, pursuant to the publication rules of the above-referenced Commission Decisions.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinstit/2021/611/oj/eng.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ:L_202403081.

³ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ:L_202403082.