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THE CITY OF PARIS'S WORK ON OPEN GOVERNMENT ISSUES

- Asset and interest disclosure system
- Lobbying regulation : lobbyist registration and lobby calendar.

1. ASSET AND INTEREST DISCLOSURE SYSTEM

Assets

The **image** of what the declarant owns, including abroad:

- Real estate assets,
- Financial investments,
- Bank accounts, etc.

- Income
- Loans and debt

Interests

All **information** related to:

- Pecuniary interests of the declarant and his/her spouse:
- Professional activity,
 - Secondary activities,
 - Actions, etc.

- Non-pecuniary interests:
- Memberships or unremunerated positions,
 - Charities and volunteering, etc.

PREVENTION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A French definition based on those of the Council of Europe and OECD:
« any situation that causes interference between a public interest and public or private interests, which could influence or appear to influence the independent, impartial and objective performance of a duty »

(Art. 2, Law of 11 October 2013)

DEFINE

- Position of interest
- Interference with public missions
- Intensity of interfering

DETECT

- Declarations of interest
- Investigations
- Alerts

ACT

- Education
- Power of injunction

PREVENT

- Openness
- Adjusting public service
- Abandoning of interest

INFRACTIONS AND SANCTIONS

FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

INCRIMINATION	SANCTION
Non-submission of a declaration	3-year imprisonment, 45 000 € fine and loss of civic rights
Non-submission of an end-of-mandate declaration for a member of the Parliament	15 000 € fine
Substantial omission or false declaration	3-year imprisonment, 45 000 € fine and loss of civic rights
Non-compliance with an injunction	1-year imprisonment, 15 000 € fine
Non-communication of requested information or elements	1-year imprisonment, 15 000 € fine

2. LOBBYING REGULATION

=> A nationwide mandatory scheme : lobbyist registration.

A new Statute (The Sapin II law) on economic transparency was voted by the French National Assembly on Tuesday 8 November 2016.

The law contains certain steps forward regarding the regulation of lobbying. It provides for the establishment of a mandatory register for those representing interests before local authorities.

=> A specific decision of the mayor of Paris : the lobby calendar (lobbycal)

. The goal is to increase transparency regarding which lobbyists and interests groups the Council of Paris's members, including the Mayor, are meeting.

. It is inspired by the Green Party's practice at the European Parliament and it is sponsored by Transparency international. The tool is based on a completely open and freely licensed code, which is maintained by Transparency International.

. No local or national public authority has implemented it so far in France.

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