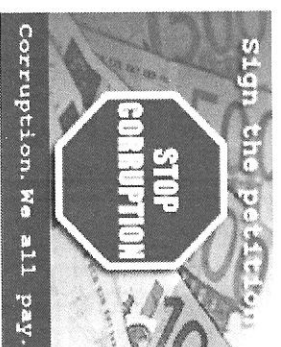


Questionnaire for Political Parties and Candidates

Survey to assess anti corruption commitments of political parties and candidates for the European Parliament Elections 2009


The purpose of this survey is to share Irish political parties' and candidates' views on how best corruption can be prevented and trust built in the European Union and its institutions. There are twelve questions in total covering three separate areas: 1) Anti-Corruption Monitoring in the EU; 2) Reform of the EU Budget and Transparent Spending; 3) Transparent Lobbying; 4) Access to EU Documents; 5) Integrity Standards in EU Institutions; 6) Judicial Cooperation; 7) Anti-Corruption and Enlargement. All responses will be published on Transparency International Ireland's website on 3 June 2009. Responses to the questionnaire should be returned to Transparency International Ireland by 30 May 2009. Please contact TI Ireland at info@transparency.ie for further information.





POLITICAL PARTY NAME: The Labour Party AND/OR CANDIDATE NAME: _____

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1. ANTI-CORRUPTION MONITORING in the EUROPEAN UNION	Yes/No	Comments
1.1 - Should the EU set-up an internal mechanism to check the compliance of Member States with EU anti-corruption instruments (e.g. 2003 Council Framework Decision, 1997 Convention)?	<u>Yes</u>	

1.2 - Do you support the continuation of the 'cooperation and verification mechanism' for Bulgaria and Romania? And an extension of this instrument to all current EU Member States and to all future EU Member States?		
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2. REFORM of the EU BUDGET and TRANSPARENT SPENDING	Yes/No	Comments
2.1 - Should the EU clarify the distribution of responsibilities between the Commission and Member States for the financial management of EU funds, in particular the 80 percent of EU funds under "shared" management?		
3. TRANSPARENT EU LOBBYING	Yes/No	Comments
3.1 - Should the EU create a mandatory inter-institutional Register of Lobbyists at the EU level including financial disclosure, individual names of lobbyists and a sanctioning mechanism?		

4. ACCESS to EU DOCUMENTS	Yes/No	Comments
4.1 - Should the EU ensure that EU citizens have maximum access to official EU documents, including for example, information on who receives EU funds and how the Member States voted in the Council etc?	✓	
5. INTEGRITY STANDARDS in EU INSTITUTIONS	Yes/No	Comments
5.1 - Should the EU establish clear conflicts of interest rules concerning EU staff and Members of the European Parliament and rigorously enforce them?	✓	
5.2 - Should the EU ensure complete independence of the EU anti-fraud office (OLAF), beginning with its separation from the European Commission?	✓	

6. JUDICIAL COOPERATION	Yes/No	Comments
6.1 - Should the EU increase judicial and police cooperation in the fight against corruption and simplify cross-border prosecutions?	Yes	

7. ANTI-CORRUPTION and ENLARGEMENT	Yes/No	Comments
7.1 - Should the EU strengthen independent anti-corruption monitoring in all candidate and potential candidate countries?	Yes	
7.2 - Should civil society be consulted or afforded a role in monitoring progress towards anti-corruption commitments?	Yes	
7.3 - Should the EU and Member States monitor progress towards meeting anti-corruption criteria in EU Member States after accession?	Yes	

7.4 – Should those Member States that fail to meet such criteria be sanctioned? How?		<p>B-1</p> <p>IMOSING FINANCIAL PENALTIES</p> <p>AND/OR WITHHOLDING FINANCIAL AID.</p>
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Thank you for taking part!