



Lobbying regulation in Italy
A «stop and go» debate

Initiative of the former Large-Coalition Government (Mr. Letta)

- Meetings with “Il Chiostro” and the main lobbying firms
- Discussions with the personal consultants of the Prime Minister
- Draft presented at interministerial meeting before the adoption by the Cabinet
- Traps , tricks and “temporary” stops.....

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- 1-Lobbying is a legitimate representation of interests in the decision making procedures
- 2-Public decision makers: Parliament, Government, Public Administration, Independent Authorities, Regional Governements and Parliaments
- Mandatory Register for lobbyists

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- Ban for MPs, Members of Government, of Public Administrations and of other institutions
- Journalists allowed only if they have suspended their professional activity
- Annual report on lobbying activities and related expenses
- Guarantee the right for lobbyists to be heard during the drafting and the approvals of regulations
- Code of Ethics
- Sanctions from 10.000 to 300.000

CONTENTS -C

- Supervisory Authority on Register and lobbying
- Antitrust Authority?
- Oversight Commission on Public Administration?

New and worst political context....

- Many scandals of corruption with so-called “lobbyists” involved
- Strong and populist attacks ruled by Mr. Grillo against lobbyists and their access to the Parliament
- Inadequacy of the media to provide information about lobbying activity
- Hypocrisy of opinion leaders

...But strong Engagement of new Government (Renzi)

- Lobbying regulation, as stressed many times by Il Chiostro, is now part of the program of Mr. Renzi's team
- By the end of June an Act will be adopted by the Cabinet
- Minor risks of «traps and tricks», due to the weakness of the center-right party
- Il Chiostro's initiatives to assist the Governement during the drafting of the Act

NEXT STEPS -A

- Meeting with the Minister for institutional reforms and the staff of the Prime Minister
- Meetings with the presidencies of the two branches of Parliament-access
- Meetings with journalists
- Workshop on «Transparency» in November
- Proposal for EXPO-2015 (Milan) for a “transparency space”, managed by “Il Chiostro”

NEXT STEPS - B

- Meeting with newly appointed Commissioner against corruption
- Meeting with barristers associations
- Meeting with mid-companies CEOs
- Road show in Universities and High Schools

THANK YOU!

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