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August - October

- Draft Bill on Lobbying - resurrected in August 2013 when inconclusive and irrelevant discussions with industry and academia were open by the legal commission of the Chamber of Deputies
- Our response:
 - we started discussions with business associations (Amcham) and think tanks about the need of a transparency of interests bill, rather than a lobby law
 - We pushed our register outside the association and made it www.registruldetransparenta.ro - a register for the transparency of lobbying and advocacy



December

- After total silence of the Parliament, in December, overnight, it was pushed together with a package of anticorruption laws.
- The reason: three articles regarding members of the parliament and members of the government, aiming to cover traffic of influence actions
- Price for us: an outrageous draft bill: lobbying seen as paid service only, lobbyist seen as a liberal profession, with a professional corp, total transparency for consultancies only.



With a huge effort we managed to send it back from the plenum

January

- MPs announced that they will pass the law with a fast pace in January
- Our unexpected powerful enemies:
 - One friend organisation which suddenly saw their dream come true: The Lobbyists Bar, with all related consequences and costs
 - Amcham, which first refused to get involved and then pushed for a lobby law only for paid consultancies
- Our response:
 - Conference on lobbying (with European expertise) with the strongest media group
 - Fiercely and costly lobbying and battle within Amcham.



February to day

- Prime minister stated that he would embrace a lobby law from of the business community
- However, Amcham opposes to disclose interests, stating that they are not lobbyists, but advocates
- We started to promote the Austrian form, which although far from being perfect is closer to what it should be.
- Authorities started to talk about it and moved from the previous form.



Next steps for us

- Partnership with the European Institute in Romania (government institution) for an academic research on lobbying.
- Promoted with 2 events
- PACE help is needed throughout the process.



Thank you!

