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FIRST REGULATION IN ITALY

- The Chamber of Deputies has introduced a regulation on lobbying in the internal rules
- Is not a law and is effective for deputies only
- The Senate is about to be strongly weakened, considering that in October a referendum will be held to confirm the new radical reform of the Italian Constitution



Definitions

- The words "lobby-lobbying"aren't used in the internal regulation
- The definition used is "Activity of institutional relations"
- Stating that it is "Any action done by persons,
 associations, companies that aim to pursue
 legitimated interests towards members of the
 Chamber of Deputies, by the use of proposals,
 requests, studies, enquires, analysis and any kind of
 communications, oral, written and electronic as well



Mandatory Register

- Lobbyists must be registered
- Full name, address
- Summary of the activity that is aimed to be done
- Member of institutions with whom they will be in touch
- Integrity requirements for those who get registered (no sentences for significant crimes in last ten years)
- The same rules for ex Deputies that want to became lobbyists



Annual report (1)

- Lobbyists must report on their activities, including
- List of the contacts
- List of the results achieved
- List of the practices and tools used



Annual report (2)

- List of people, associations, bodies, companies and their representatives, specifying on behalf of who these activities were carried out
- List of employees and of the collaborators involved in lobbying



Supervision and transparency

- The supervisor is the Bureau of the Chamber of Deputies (Chairman+15 members af all parties)
- Reports are published on website of the Chamber
- The list of the contacted institutional representatives is exclusively accessible only to the members of Bureau (as requested by Il Chiostro)



Sanctions

- The Bureau will apply sanctions if needed
- Such sanctions will be defined later on



Gifts and more

- The Chamber of Deputies has approved a Code of Conduct for the Members
- Deputies must declare the donations received, directly or through committees, that exceeded 5.000,00 euros per year
- They cannot accept gifts ad benefits that exceed 250,00 euros
- They can accept the reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses if they are invited to events in which participate in representation on their institutional role



Deficiences and defects

- Lack of the list of rights of lobbyists
- No reference to the access to buildings and documents needed
- No reference to the duty of Deputies to "listen" to lobbyists and to be transparent during the legislative process
- No reference to the effective sanctions for Deputies that breach the rule.
- Lack of the list of the incompatibilities
- No references to the prohibition of revolving doors



Other initiatives

- New Code for Public Procurement: established a public Register of the official meetings held by members of institutions
- New Regional laws to be approved (Lombardia, Liguria, Emilia-Romagna, Campania)
- 12 legislative proposals still to be examinated by Senate
- Possible Governement proposal in next weeks.

