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YOUR VOICE IN EUROPE



Every time the European Commission works on new policy initiative or revises existing legislation, it launches a round of public consultations.

[YOUR VOICE IN EUROPE](#) is the portal which gathers all the proposals and makes them public once the consultations are closed.

The consultations cover all EU policies, from **Agriculture to Border and Security**, from **Energy to Environment**, from **Justice and Fundamental Rights to Single Market**, and so on.

As explained in the EC website, "individuals, businesses and other organisations with an interest in or expert knowledge on a given topic can help shape the Commission's draft proposal before it goes to the Council and European Parliament for discussion and adoption".

In order to ensure transparency, lobbies and organisations have to register to the EU Transparency Register before sending their contribution.

"The register makes visible what interests are being pursued, by whom and with what budgets. In this way, the register allows for public scrutiny, giving citizens and other interest groups the possibility to track the activities of lobbyists".

Furthermore, the register allows a more balanced representation and make sure nobody has "illegitimate or privileged access to information or to decision-makers".

The system is operated jointly by the European Parliament and the European Commission.

How can citizens contribute to the EU law making process?

The public consultations are just one of tools used by the European Commission to make citizens' voices heard and create a stronger relationship between the EU institutions and its citizens.

EU citizens can contribute to the EU law making process by:

- Giving feedback on roadmaps and inception impact assessments
- Giving feedback on Commission legislative proposals
- Having their say on draft implementing and delegated acts
- Sharing their views on how to simplify EU regulation

For more information on how you can contribute to the EU law making process, visit the [dedicated page](#) in the European Commission website.