EU Expert Groups
Citizens perspective

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The register is being reconstructed and does not include all Commission expert groups and other similar entities for the time being.
Issues EU Ombudsman

• Overrepresentation of industries
• Lack of transparency
• Selection procedure of experts
• Potential conflict of interests
• Underrepresentation of
  – Consumer associations
  – Civil society representatives
The "hart of the matter"
Interests

• “Repeat players”
  • Professional skills
  • Network capacities
  • Financial resources
  • Time
  • Industries
  • Companies
  • Lobbyists

• “One shotters”
  • Not professional
  • No network
  • No financial resources
  • Lack of time
  • NGOs
  • SMEs
  • Individuals
capture of interests vs integration of interests

**• Shift of power to “repeat players”?**

In economics, regulatory capture occurs when a state regulatory agency created to act in the public interest instead advances the commercial or special interests that dominate the industry or sector it is charged with regulating.

Regulatory capture is a form of government failure, as it can act as an encouragement for large firms to produce negative externalities.

The agencies are called "captured agencies".

**• Balance of power?**
Citizens perspective

• Trust
  • Based upon information
  • Absence of undue influence:
    • Personal interests
    • Commercial interests
    • Political interests

• Trust strongly related to:
  Legitimacy of the authority involved
  Acceptance of decisions
Severity of safeguards

Low - Transparency on composition

Strong - Influence on composition

Severe - Code of conduct
Integration of interests

- EU Commission
- Industries
- Lobbyists
- NGOs
- SMEs
- Individuals
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