Regulations and Codes of Conduct on Lobbying in OECD countries

Timeline of lobbying regulations

Even though lobbying is a global practice, only about a third of OECD members have introduced government regulations and legislation, but this situation appears to be changing. In recent years, countries have increasingly opted for regulation.

1 The Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act of 1946 was replaced in 1995 by the Lobbying Disclosure Act.
2 Lobbying was first regulated through Article 73 of the Rules of Procedure of the German Bundestag in 1951.
3 Lobbying was first regulated in Australia through the Lobbyist Registration Scheme of 1983, but the scheme was abolished in 1996. The current Lobbying Code of Conduct that also established a lobbyist registry was introduced in 2008.
4 The Lobbyists Registration Act of 1989 has been amended several times and was in 2008 renamed the Lobbying Act.
5 The Act on Legislative and Regulatory Lobbying was passed by the Sejm (Lower House of Parliament) in July 2005. The Act was amended in 2011.