

## In the international sphere

The High Authority carries out international cooperation activities aimed at exchanging best practices with peer institutions and raising awareness of the French model of monitoring assets and preventing conflicts of interest within international organisations.

It is a member of the European Lobbying Registrars' Network.

It also co-founded the Network for Integrity, which brings together some 15 institutions dedicated to the transparency, ethics and integrity of public officials.



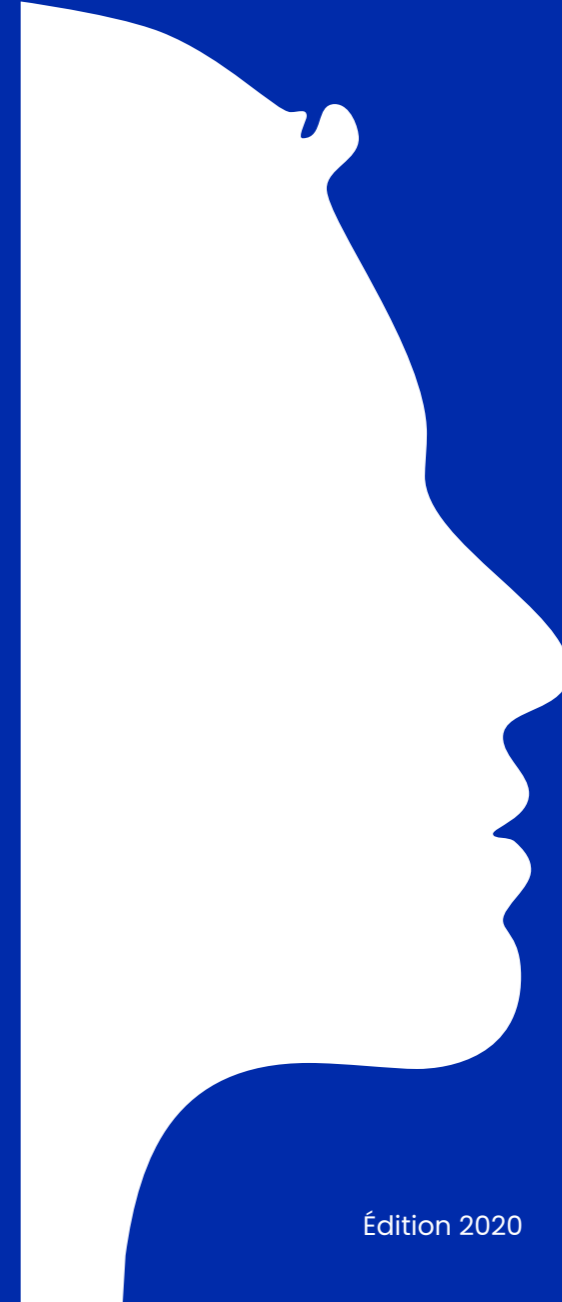
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## An independent institution

The High Authority is an independent administrative authority entrusted with a public service mission: promote the probity and exemplarity of public officials.

To ensure it is able to fully carry out its missions, the High Authority has wide powers that are granted by law. Its independence is guaranteed by its administrative

and financial autonomy, and the functioning of its executive Board, which examines cases handled by the various departments and adopts all of the decisions made by the institution.

The executive Board is composed of 13 members, including the President of the High Authority, who is appointed for a single six-year term.

### What are the High Authority's objectives?

- Help public officials achieve greater exemplarity
- Show how public decisions are made
- Restore trust between citizens and their representatives
- Empower citizens (by complying with transparency requirements)

## Guaranteeing the probity of public officials and civil servants

### • Monitoring assets and preventing conflicts of interest

The High Authority checks the asset declarations of the highest-ranking French public officials: it verifies the consistency of the elements declared, looks for important omissions or unexplained variations of assets and prevents illicit enrichment. It also examines the tax situation of members of Government.

The High authority also checks declarations of interest by public officials and ensures that the personal interests of public officials do not interfere with the proper performance of their duties in the general interest.

You can find the list of public officials concerned on our website: see under [Consult](#) > [Declarations](#) > [Insight](#)

When it detects a serious offence or breach, the High Authority may refer the matter to the courts.

### • Monitoring revolving doors between the public and private sectors

The High Authority monitors the revolving door of certain public officials and civil servants between the public and private sectors (appointment of a private-sector employee to a civil service job, combinations of activities, professional retraining of a civil servant in the private sector).

The High Authority must be referred to whenever the job concerned is among the most strategic in the three public functions, or on an optional basis when the ethical monitoring of the civil servant is the responsibility of their administration.

The High Authority then examines whether the civil servant's career plan is likely to compromise the functioning, independence and neutrality of the public service, to disregard its principles of dignity, impartiality, integrity and probity or to place the person concerned at risk of unlawful acquisition of interests.

You can find the civil servants and public officials concerned on our website: see under [Submit a declaration / Refer a matter](#) > [Public / private sector mobility](#) > [Resources](#)

### Key figures since 2014:

• More than **51,000** declarations of assets and interests received

• Around **13,000** declarations published on the website [www.hatvp.fr](http://www.hatvp.fr)

### Promoting transparency, making data accessible

The High Authority's mission is to ensure that certain declarations it receives are made public (on its website or at the prefectures). As part of France's commitment to "open government", it also publishes data contained in these declarations and in the register of lobbyists as open data in a format that can be easily used by citizens.

## Regulating lobbying, ensuring the traceability of public decisions

The High Authority manages the digital register in which lobbyists are required to register (they declare their lobbying activities and allocated resources). It verifies this information and ensures that lobbyists comply with the code of ethics that governs their relations with public officials.

The register, which is available on the High Authority's website, gives citizens the opportunity to better understand and measure the impact of lobbying on the normative process, in other words to find out "who influences the law".

The High Authority also draws up guidelines to guide lobbyists' activities and advise public officials who are wondering about the best practices that need to be put in place in their relations with them.

Nearly **2,100** lobbyists are entered in the register and declare more than **27,000** lobbying activity reports\*.

To access the register > [www.hatvp.fr/le-repertoire](http://www.hatvp.fr/le-repertoire)

\* Figures as of 01/09/2020

## Disseminating a culture of integrity

The High Authority acts as an ethical partner for public officials who are subject to reporting obligations, institutions and lobbyists, who may request its advice on any ethical question encountered in the

performance of their office or duties. Through its advisory mission and the implementation of training activities, it ensures the dissemination and promotion of a culture of integrity.