Our missions

Monitoring declarations of assets and interests of public officials

Preventing conflicts of interest

Monitoring revolving doors between the public and private sectors

Regulating lobbying

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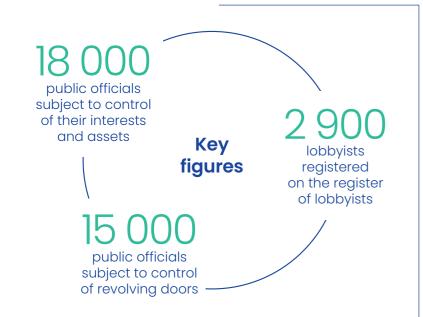


An Independent institution

Created in 2013, the High Authority is an independent administrative authority entrusted with a public service mission: promote the integrity and exemplarity of public officials.

Its independence is guaranteed by its administrative 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, all appointed for a six-year single term.



What are the High Authority's objectives?

Prevent, detect and stop breaches of integrity.

How?

- By an in-depth control of the declarations made by public officials and interest representatives and of projects of professional transition between the public and private sectors.
- Through a dedicated support and advice policy.

Guaranteeing the integrity of public officials and civil servants

Monitoring assets and preventing conflicts of interest

The High Authority checks the declarations of the highest-ranking French public officials, elected and non-elected. It controls their assets and interests' declarations for which the completeness, accuracy and sincerity is checked.

The aim is to establish the absence of personal enrichment and conflict of interest, ensuring that their personal interests do not interfere with the proper performance of their duties for the public interest.



When the High Authority detects facts likely to constitute a criminal offence, it refers them to the Public Prosecutor.

Monitoring revolving doors between the public and private sectors

The High Authority is in charge of preventing conflicts of interest when controlling revolving doors for certain public officials (Members of the Government, heads of local authorities etc.) and civil servants with strategic functions.

The High Authority then examines whether the civil servant's project of professional transition is likely to compromise the functioning, independence and neutrality of the public service, to disregard its principles of dignity, impartiality and integrity or to place the person at risk of illegal taking of interest.



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opinions issued
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and private sectors

Regulating lobbying, ensuring the traceability of public decisions

Lobbyists are required to declare their lobbying activities and allocated resources in a register held by the High Authority. 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".



Supporting and raising awareness to disseminate a culture of integrity

The High Authority informs, supports and advises all declarants – public officials and lobbyists.

Any person subject to the control of the High Authority may seek confidential ethical advice on personal or organisation-related issues.

Hotline assistance is available from Monday to Friday.

The High Authority ensures that its expertise and doctrine are properly disseminated.



It carries out international cooperation initiatives and promotes the French integrity

model abroad. It currently chairs the European Network for Public Ethics.

Promoting transparency, making data accessible

The High Authority publishes on its website declarations of public officials, data from lobbyists and ethics opinions in a format that can be easily used by citizens.