# Appendix

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| **Table A1.** Description, operationalization, and descriptive statistics of dependent, explanatory, and control variables (N = 3359). |
| **DV** | **Variable Description** | **Variable Operationalization** | **Mean (S.D.)** | **Min-Max** |
| DV1: Access to civil servants | Indicates whether an organization organized a meeting with the EC at DG venue (i.e., civil servants) | 1= organization had a meeting with the EC at DG venue0 = organization did not have a meeting with EC at DG venue | .303 (.460) | 0–1 |
| DV2: Access to political advisers | Indicates whether an organization organized a meeting with the EC at cabinet venue (i.e., political advisers) | 1= organization had a meeting with the EC at cabinet venue0 = organization did not have a meeting with EC at cabinet venue | .792 (.406) | 0–1 |
| DV3: Access to political heads | Indicates whether an organization organized a meeting with the EC at commissioner venue (i.e., political heads) | 1= organization had a meeting with the EC at commissioner venue0 = organization did not have a meeting with EC at commissioner venue | .556 (.497) | 0–1 |
| IV: Group type | Indicates whether an organization is a corporate actor or an NGO | 0 = NGO1 = business group | .668 (.464) | 0–1 |
| Resources | Human resources available to the organization | Number of FTE’s involved in lobbying activities for the organization | 2.577 (3.578) | 0–41 |
| Scope  | Indicates whether an organization has a niche or broad interest | Number of interests indicated in Transparency Register | 11.888 (7.718) | 1–41 |
| Supranationality | Indicates whether or not an organization has supranational interests  | 0 = Regional/National1 = European/Global | .909 (.287) | 0–1 |
| Belgian Headquarter | Indicates whether an organization has its headquarters in Belgium | 0 = Headquarters not in Belgium1 = Headquarters in Belgium | .268 (.443) | 0–1 |
| Years in Transparency Register | Indicates the number of years an organization has been registered | Counts the number of years since an organization has been registered in the Transparency Register of the EC | 6.788 (3.634) | 0–13 |
| Expert Group Membership | Indicates whether an organization is a member of an EC Expert Group | 0 = No Member of Expert Group1 = Member of Expert Group | .274 (.446) | 0–1 |

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| **Table A2.** Correlation matrix. |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 1. Access to civil servants | 1.000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Access to political advisers | .045\*\*\* | 1.000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Access to political heads | .200\*\*\* | –.283\*\*\* | 1.000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Group type | .101\*\*\* | .081\*\*\* | .014\*\*\* | 1.000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Resources | .238\*\*\* | .094\*\*\* | .189\*\*\* | –.100\*\*\* | 1.000 |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Scope | .181\*\*\* | .117\*\*\* | .172\*\*\* | .132\*\*\* | .265\*\*\* | 1.000 |  |  |  |
| 7. Supranationality | .116\*\*\* | .121\*\*\* | .027 | –.017 | .093\*\*\* | .074\*\*\* | 1.000 |  |  |
| 8. Belgian Headquarter | .117\*\*\* | .101\*\*\* | .040\*\* | –.124\*\*\* | .154\*\*\* | .049\*\*\* | .149\*\*\* | 1.000 |  |
| 9. Years in Register | .283\*\*\* | .254\*\*\* | .216\*\*\* | .110\*\*\* | .269\*\*\* | .288\*\*\* | .151\*\*\* | .244\*\*\* | 1.000 |
| 10. Expert Group Membership | .232\*\*\* | .125\*\*\* | .167\*\*\* | .062\*\*\* | .270\*\*\* | .219\*\*\* | .1006\*\*\* | .305\*\*\* | .361\*\*\* |
| \*\*\* p-value < 0.01. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Table A3.** Logistic regressions to explain access to different officials of the executive branch—considering the full population of groups in the Transparency Register (standardized coefficients).

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|  | **Access to civil servants** | **Access to political advisers** | **Access to political heads** |
| Group type: NGOs | REF | REF | REF |
| Group type: Corporate actors | 0.595\*\*\* (0.087) | 0.317\*\*\* (0.056) | 0.190\*\*\* (0.062) |
| Resources | 0.113\*\*\* (0.010) | 0.078\*\*\* (0.009) | 0.100\*\*\* (0.009) |
| Scope | 0.034\*\*\* (0.005) | 0.030\*\*\* (0.003) | 0.036\*\*\* (0.004) |
| Supranationality | 1.184\*\*\* (0.168) | 0.897\*\*\* (0.084) | 0.583\*\*\* (0.093) |
| Belgian Headquarter | 0.295\*\*\* (0.086) | 0.386\*\*\* (0.064) | 0.136\* (0.071) |
| Years in Register | 0.208\*\*\* (0.010) | 0.215\*\*\* (0.007) | 0.194\*\*\* (0.008) |
| Expert Group Membership | 0.611\*\*\* (0.082) | 0.302\*\*\* (0.064) | 0.458\*\*\* (0.068) |
| Constant | –5.886\*\*\* (0.189) | –3.804\*\*\* (0.100) | –3.968\*\*\* (0.109) |
| N | 10,243 | 10,243 | 10,243 |
| Pseudo R2 | 0.228 | 0.186 | 0.173 |
| Goodness of fit (Log Likelihood) | –2,559.486 | –4,771.552 | –4,025.105 |
| \* p-value < 0.1; \*\* p-value < 0.05; \*\*\* p-value < 0.01. |  |