**Online appendix 1 – Categories of actors selected from the different registers:**

The Transparency Register:

1. Trade, business, & professional associations
2. Trade unions
3. Other similar organizations (under the general category “In-house lobbyists and trade/professional associations”)
4. Non-governmental organisations

The Commission register of interest representatives:

1. Professional associations
2. Trade unions
3. Other (similar) organizations (under the general category “in-house lobbyists and trade associations active in lobbying”)
4. Non-governmental organization/association of NGOs
5. Other (similar) organizations (under the general category “NGO/think tank”)
6. Other (similar) organizations (under the general category “other organizations”)

**Online appendix 2 – Interest Group Coding Scheme**

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| **Level 1** | **Level 2** | **Level 3** |
| Trade and other business associations | Trade and other business associations | Group or sector specific business associations |
| Peak-level business associations |
| Other trade and business associations |
| Occupational associations | Occupational associations | Association of managers and profs in business |
| Association of administrators of non-profits |
| Professional association |
| Association of public employees |
| Other occupational associations |
| Unions | Unions | Blue-collar union |
| White-collar union |
| Mixed and other union |
| Peak-level union |
| Public interest | Consumer (includes also organisations concerned with housing and transport) | Consumer (includes also organisations concerned with housing and transport) |
| Environmental and wildlife | Environmental and wildlife |
| Other public interest | Civil liberties |
| Citizen empowerment |
| Other public interest |
| Identity groups | Identity groups | Racial or ethnic |
| Religious |
| Women |
| Elderly |
| LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transexual) |
| Other identity group |
| Organisations including members of state or local governments | Organisations including members of state or local governments | Organisations including members of state or local governments |
| Other interest | Education (including student organisations) | Education (including student organisations) |
| Health (including patient organisations) | Health (including patient organisations) |
| Other interest | Social welfare or poor |
| Foreign/developmental aid |
| Migration, refugee |