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UNICE WILL ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSULTATION ON THE EU TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE

UNICE supports the transparency initiative by Commissioner Kallas, which acknowledges interest representation to be a legitimate, essential and indispensable source of information for EU policy-making. However, UNICE also urges that unnecessary administrative burden is avoided when this initiative is being shaped.

UNICE underlines that organisations which lobby the EU institutions are of a huge variety in terms of membership, structure and purpose. UNICE defends the interests of millions of companies of all sizes across the private sector through its members which are representative business organisations. As a recognised social partner, UNICE also plays a special role in the context of EU social policy, and the EU social dialogue has to remain strictly separate from civil dialogue.

NOTE TO THE EDITOR

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