



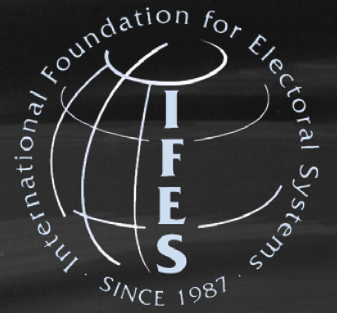
How to Effectively Increase Transparency of Political Party Financing and Make Politicians More Accountable

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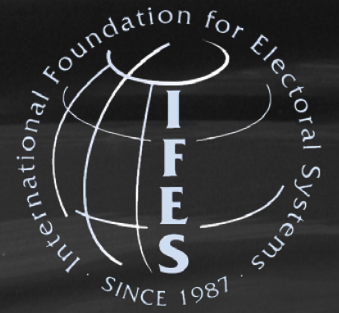
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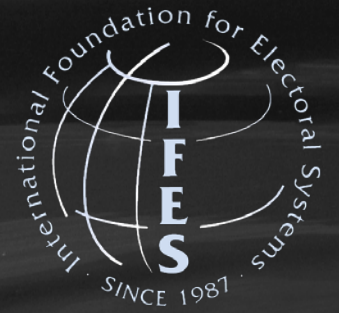
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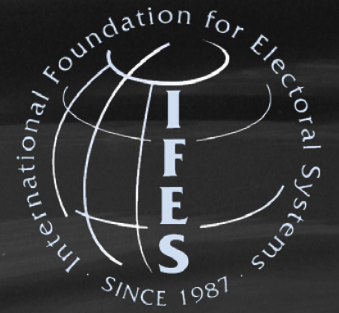
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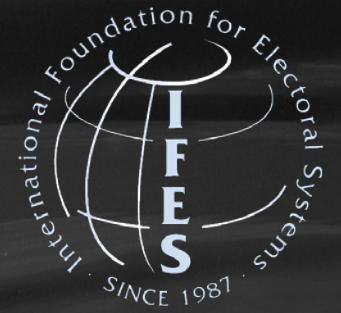
1. all restrictions on donations
and spending may have a
negative impact on
transparency



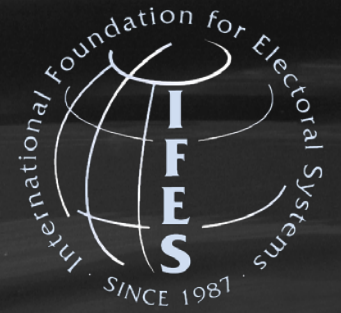
2. Consider financial reporting
by others than political parties
& candidates



- * Third parties
- * People making donations
- * People receiving campaign spending



3. Provide investigatory ability
on oversight body



4. Add a Process for receiving and investigating complaints

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Tip-off facility for suspected breaches of Part XX of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918

Updated: 15 May 2015

The Commonwealth financial disclosure scheme (disclosure scheme) was introduced to increase overall transparency in relation to election funding by informing the public about the financial dealings of political parties, candidates and others involved in the electoral process.

The disclosure scheme requires candidates, registered political parties, their state branches, associated entities, donors and other participants in the electoral process to lodge annual or election financial disclosure returns with the AEC.

Identifying possible breaches

To ensure transparency the AEC must ensure that full disclosure is achieved. To assist the AEC in identifying possible breaches of the disclosure provisions you should contact us if you are aware of a person or entity that:

- has not lodged a return
- has lodged an incomplete return
- has lodged a return but has included false and misleading information in the return
- has provided false or misleading information for inclusion in a return
- provided false or misleading information during a compliance investigation.

It is also a breach of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Act) to discriminate against a person who made a donation to a political party, a state branch of a political party or a candidate.

Reporting suspected breaches of the disclosure provisions to the AEC



My electoral enrolment

- > [Change address](#)
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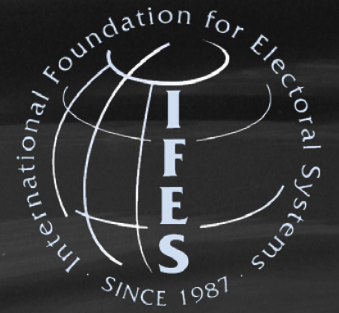
FAQs

- > [Is voting compulsory?](#)
- > [Why have I received an apparent failure to vote notice?](#)
- > [A relative has died. How do I remove their name from the roll?](#)
- > [How do I return my form to the AEC?](#)
- > [Can members of political parties be polling officials?](#)

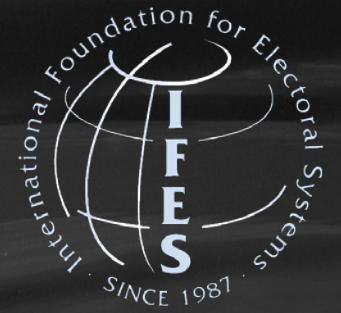


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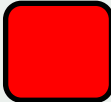


5. Electronic reporting

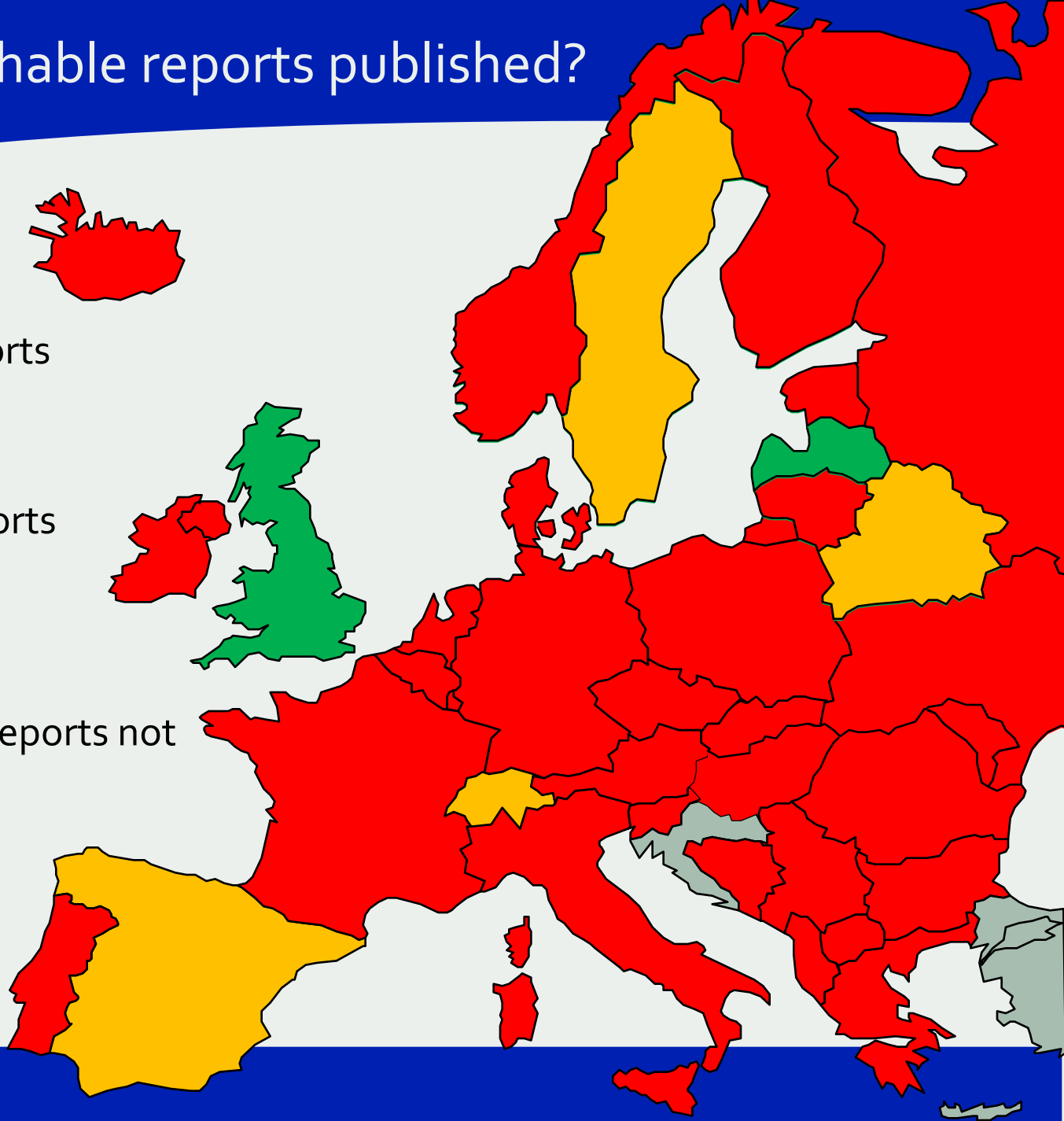


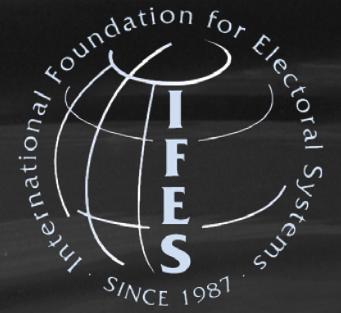
6. Electronic publication



Searchable reports published?

-  = Searchable reports published
-  = Searchable reports not published
-  = No reporting requirements or reports not made public
-  = No data





7. Reporting by public institutions