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1. With regard to the CCBE's registration in the Commission's register, and after consulting the CCBE Deontology subgroup on ETI (ETI), it is recommended that the CCBE should register under the second category (subcategory two) outlined by the Commission, titled "Professional associations".

However, in the section provided for comments, the CCBE should for the Commission's review process (which takes place one year after the register has started) request the introduction of a fifth category which is titled "liberal professions". The introduction of a fifth category was considered necessary to demonstrate the difference of organisations like the CCBE and its member bars from other organisations, and ideally would result in achieving a level of separate influence.

2. The second category, subcategory two, ("Professional associations") does not require the provision of an estimate of the cost associated with the direct lobbying of all the EU institutions. It foresees only the indication of an overall budget (i.e. the total budget of the organisation) and the main source of funding, like for example, in the case of the CCBE, membership fees. Nevertheless, the working group recommends to be more specific and to indicate not only the CCBE membership fees but also the costs in the CCBE budget for the CCBE's Director, External Liaison.
3. Registrants should agree to comply with the Commission's Code of Conduct or with a professional code of conduct that has comparable rules. The CCBE Deontology subgroup on ETI (ETI) proposes that for the CCBE as an organisation it would be appropriate to declare that it complies with the Commission's Code of Conduct. Though a CCBE code of conduct and national codes of conduct for the legal profession exist, it was felt that for the work the CCBE is doing, it would not be appropriate to submit to these codes, in particular since not all staff members of the CCBE secretariat are members of a bar or law society.