

Transparency for Public Affairs Activities. Lobbying. 2023.

Background.

Lobbying activities can occasionally spark controversy and potentially undermine public confidence.

Opella, currently a global business unit of Sanofi, follows Sanofi's global lobbying policy, and to date, all public reporting and public disclosure is aggregated at Group level. Our lobbying activities are coordinated and driven by our employees working in Public or Government Affairs in the countries where we operate, with clear accountabilities to the executive level.

Opella is involved in several industry and trade groups that represent the consumer healthcare (i.e., Over-the-Counter Medicinal Products, Vitamins, Minerals & Supplements, and Medical Devices) sector and our business interests. We closely monitor our engagements with trade associations through our representatives, who are authorized Opella employees or consultants. We have established clear accountability for key priority topics that are being driven by our executive-level representatives in trade association boards and committees.

We engage in topics that are relevant to our business and we recognize that these organizations can engage on a broader range of topics that may be beyond the priorities of our company. We understand that our participation as a member in these associations might mean that we may not always be aligned with the positions of the broader organization and/or its members. In case of any misalignments with our own position, Opella representatives who serve on boards and committees convey our concern as appropriate and offer solutions to address this accordingly.

Opella adheres to strict standards and Global Operating Procedures (GOPs) that encompass principles for responsible lobbying, contributions, engagements with trade and industry associations, patient advocacy groups, political activities, and interactions with public policymakers. These practices that Opella follows are outlined in Sanofi's [Code of Conduct](#) and reinforced through mandatory and regular training.

The following information below is Opella's lobbying activities, which is an **excerpt** from the Sanofi [lobbying disclosure report 2023](#), reflecting our commitment to transparency.

Opella's Global Trade Associations: Disclosures.

Extracted from the Sanofi Lobbying Disclosure document of 2023, below is a list of main industry specific associations that **Opella** adheres and/or contributes to at the Global level.

Organization	Opella's contributions in:	
	2022	2023
Global Self-Care Federation (GSCF)	CHF 265,500	CHF 265,194
International Probiotics Association* (IPA)		EUR 40,580

*As part of our commitment to expand our transparency on lobbying, we have included this organization in the list. This is the first year we are reporting on these figures.

European Union: Transparency Register.

In 2009, Sanofi joined the European Union's Transparency Register, which provides European citizens with direct access to information about which organizations are engaged in activities aimed at influencing the European Union's decision-making process, as well as the resources invested in these activities. Registrants are required to provide information about their lobbying and advocacy activities and sign the Transparency Register Code of Conduct.

For more information, visit the [Transparency Register](#).

Opella's Financial contributions in European sector organizations.

Extracted from the Sanofi Lobbying Disclosure document of 2023, below is a list of main industry specific trade associations that Opella, adheres and/or contributes to at the European level*:

- AESGP: Association of the European Self-Care Industry.
- FSE: Food Supplements Europe.
- AIM: European Brands Association.

Organization	Opella's contribution in:			
	2020	2021	2022	2023
Association of the European Self-Care Industry (AESGP)	EUR 70,000	EUR 80,000	EUR 80,000	EUR 82,400
European Brands Association (AIM)				EUR 12,405**
Food Supplements Europe (FSE)				EUR 21,320**

*In accordance with the Transparency Register Compliance Guidelines, published June 23, 2011, full membership fees, contributions, and participation costs in trade or professional associations, think tanks, and special events organized by third parties should not be taken into account for those organizations that have voluntarily registered. Despite the fact that these organizations voluntarily registered, we agreed, for the sake of transparency, to disclose our full contributions.

** First year of reporting

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