

# How hard is it for a lobbyist not to lobby?

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Former commissioner Siim Kallas works as a special adviser to the European Commission — and for a major Baltic software company.

The case of the lobbyist who can't lobby highlights the limitations of the Commission's "revolving-door" arrangements for its former top officials. In his official role as an advisor to the Commission, Kallas will have unfettered access to a commissioner while on the payroll of a company on whose behalf he cannot advocate. [Check out](#)

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By Tara Palmeri

An increasing number of Brussels lobbying firms and companies see the European Parliament as the heart of the city's bureaucracy and are moving crosstown to have easier access to it, creating a boom in real estate prices for the surrounding neighborhood.

