

THE FINANCIAL LOBBYING NETWORK

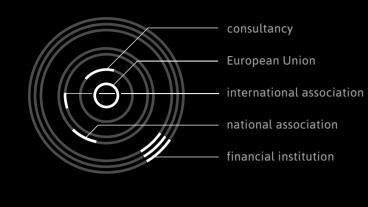
How financial institutions influence EU-politics

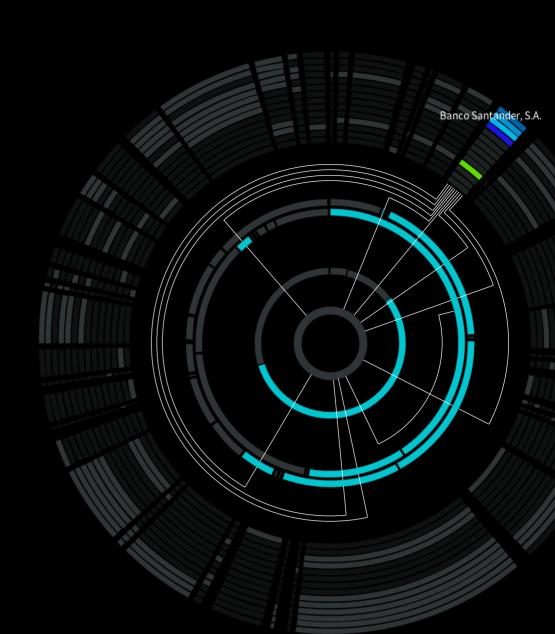
Financial institutions possess immense power over political decisions, especially financial regulation. In order to explain the actions behind the curtain of deception in an appealing and exciting way, a concept for an interactive installation has been developed.

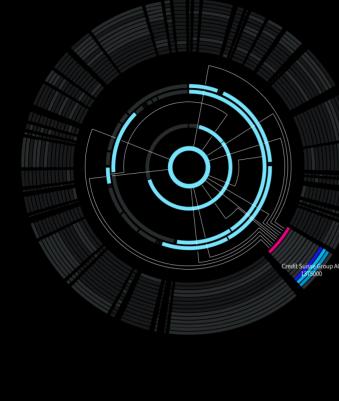
CONCEPT OF VISUALIZATION

Inverted sunburst system

To enhance the political situation – the EU institutions being surrounded by financial institutions – a radial node-link-layout has been chosen. However, it's inverted, i.e. you start from the outer ring instead from the center. A new node-link system has been developed in order to bring clarity into the visualization.









Node-link layout

The network shows how financial institutions influence political decisions by being members of a variety of associations and organisations and being client of consultancies. So instead of one voice, their opinion is being spread, resulting in an echo effect; it's not only a direct but also indirect influence which affects European politics.

While a network is an effective tool, money is

Different arc sizes

the key to power. The greater the sum invested in lobbying activities, the longer the arc. This way, you are able to compare several banks and other institutions. Colour coding

There are different aspects in finance business,

from private banking, assets management to stock exchange. Different institutions cover dif-

ferent parts – hence a colour coding has been added to distinguish the diverse engagements. Retail Banking Securities Dealer Investment Banking Broker

Investment Management Insurance

Corporate Banking

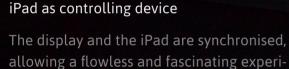
Asset Management

Payment System Provider

Trading Platform Stock Exchange Credit Rating Agency

Funds

Data Provider



CONCEPT OF USER EXPERIENCE

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tion from the program, the network will be shown – both on the iPad and on the radial display. It is also possible to view an institution profile or choose a bank by country.

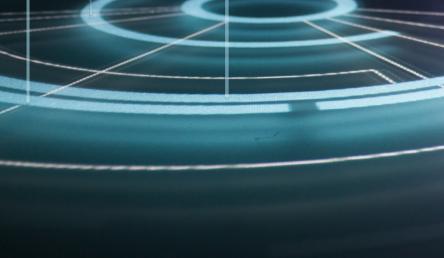


screen and readable from any position.

Usage of holograms (Hololens)

You are able to choose between different financial institutions or associations and let the network be unfold in front of your eyes. The names of the institutions appear as holograms, floating a few centimetres above the

6.325.000 Association for Fédération Bancaire Françaises 750.000



name of institution / association / consultancy

lobbying expenses per year

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650.000

NOTES

Accuracy of data without warranty. As all figures were "officially" given ones, there is no guarantee that the given data isn't forged. Assumptions are that – in truth – the figures are much higher than they were given.

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