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**Subject: PANA Public Hearing on The Panama Papers - discussion with the investigative journalists behind the revelations**

Dear Dr. Zihlmann,

In my capacity as Chair of the Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion (PANA) of the European Parliament I have the pleasure to invite you to participate as a speaker in the hearing on " The Panama papers – discussion with the investigative journalists behind the revelations" which will take place on Tuesday 27 September 2016 from 09:00 - 11:30 in Parliament's premises in Brussels (room PHS 1A002).

The purpose of this hearing is to hold a public debate at EU level within the European Parliament on the main findings of the Panama Paper revelations, and to assess the need for European and national legislators to act.

I would like to ask you to make an initial statement of a maximum of 7 minutes in which you could give your views on the topic discussed. After the opening statements by the panellists there will be a session of questions and answers with Members for around 1 hour. The Committee secretariat will send additional practical information about the organisational aspects separately.

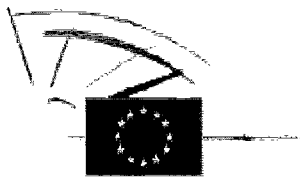
For your information, please find attached the draft programme of this event. Should you need any additional information or should you have any queries on this hearing, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Benoit Wets (tel.: +32 2 28 34980, benoit.wets@ep.europa.eu ) for content-related questions or Mr Damien Columb (tel.: +32 2 28 32063, damien.columb@ep.europa.eu) for logistical questions at the Secretariat of the Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion of the European Parliament.

I look forward to seeing you on 27 September 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Werner Langen

Encl.: Draft programme



## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and  
Tax Evasion

### Public Hearing

# The Panama papers – Discussion with the investigative journalists behind the revelations

Tuesday, 27 September 2016

9h00 - 11h30 (2h30)

Paul-Henri Spaak 1A002

Brussels

### PROGRAMME

**09:00 - 09:10 Welcome by the PANA Chair**

**09:10 - 09:20** *Pre-recorded messages from*

**Gerard Ryle and Marina Walker**, *Directors at the International Consortium of  
Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) [based in Washington DC]*

**Bastian Obermayer**, *Süddeutsche Zeitung [based in Washington DC]*

**09:20 - 10:10 Presentations by speakers** *(all confirmed, at 7 min each)*

**Frederik Obermaier** *(Süddeutsche Zeitung) (via Skype/ visioconference)*

**Kristof Clerix** *(Knack magazine, Belgium)*

**Oliver Zihlmann** *(Sonntagszeitung | Le Matin Dimanche, Switzerland)*

**Julia Stein and Jan Strozyk** *(Norddeutscher Rundfunk/ NDR, Germany)*

**Minna Knus** *(MOT, Finnish Broadcasting Company, Finland)*

**10:30 - 11:25 Discussion with PANA Members**

**11:25 - 11:30 Conclusions by the PANA Chair**