



Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion
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Subject: PANA Public Hearing on “Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs): “ins and outs” and the Russian “Laundromat” case”

Dear Mr. Fiedler,

The Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion (PANA) of the European Parliament has the pleasure to invite you as a speaker in the hearing on **“Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs): “ins and outs” and the Russian “Laundromat” case”**. This hearing will take place on Wednesday 21 June 2017 from 15:00 - 17:30 in Parliament's premises in Brussels (room Altiero Spinelli (ASP) A5G-3).

The purpose of the hearing is to get a better understanding of 1) panel 1: the functioning, the work and the cooperation between FIUs
2) panel 2: the Russian laundromat case, what has been discovered, and the role of FIUs in following up on this.

The Members of the Committee would be very interested to hear your experience and findings in this context, the difficulties faced by authorities and the deficiencies in the existing legal framework observed in this area (including, if appropriate evidence of no respect of EU law). Any recommendation based on your experience would be very welcome.

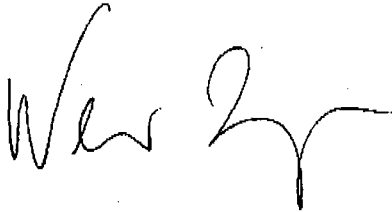
An initial statement by you of a maximum of 10 minutes would be appreciated in which you could give your views on the practice. After the opening statements by the panellists there will be a session of questions and answers with the PANA Members.

In order to optimize the preparation of the Members of the PANA Committee for the hearing, they would very much welcome your replies in writing to the questions in annex, preferably **by Friday 16 June cob.**

Should you need any additional information or should you have any queries on this hearing, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Marcus Scheuren (tel.: +32 2 28 44810, marcus.scheuren@europarl.europa.eu) for content-related questions, or the Secretariat of the PANA Committee (pana-secretariat@ep.europa.eu) for any logistical questions.

Looking forward to seeing you on 21 June 2017.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Werner Langen', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Werner Langen

Annex:
Draft programme
Written questions