

Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion
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Subject: PANA Public Hearing on “Tax-Planning, Do Celebrities and Companies Breach EU Law?”

Dear Mr Hansen,

As you may be aware, the European Parliament has set up an Inquiry Committee on Tax Evasion, Tax Avoidance and Money Laundering (PANA) following the revelations known as the "Panama Papers".

You can find more information on this committee, including the committee's mandate, here: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/pana/home.html>

In the framework of its work, the PANA Committee is conducting a series of hearings with of EU institutions, EU Member States, business representatives, stakeholders, academia and key representatives. The aim of these hearings is to hold constructive and forward-looking dialogues with relevant key players on ways to tackle effectively the topics of relevance to our Committee.

The Members of our Committee have decided that they wish to invite you as a speaker in our upcoming hearing on “Tax-Planning, Do Celebrities and Companies Breach EU Law?” either in person or via videoconference.

We therefore hereby have the pleasure to invite you to a PANA Committee hearing that is going to take place on 26 September 2017 from 9.00 - 12.30 in the European Parliament premises in Brussels. The panel for which you will be kindly invited will take place from 11h00 -12h30.

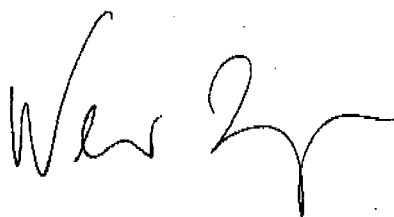
The purpose of the panel is to learn about the tax planning strategies of multinationals in particular with regard to the use of favourable tax jurisdictions and also about EU legislation in this area. For your information, we have also invited the company BASF to elaborate on these issues.

You will be invited to make an initial statement of a maximum of 5 minutes. After the opening statements by the panellists there will be a session of questions and answers with the Committee Members.

Should you need any additional information or should you have any queries on this hearing, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Anje Bultena (tel.: +32 2 28 42532, anje.bultena@europarl.europa.eu) for content-related questions or the Secretariat of the PANA Committee (pana-secretariat@ep.europa.eu).

In the hope that you will be in a position to accept this invitation, we look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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

Dr. Werner Langen