

State of play on “Who refused to participate in hearing/delegation and why?”

As of 15 February 2019

TAX3 Public Hearings

Public Hearing on “Combat of Money Laundering in the EU Banking system” of 26 April 2018

Person/Institution	Status	Answer	Reason
Board of ABLV Bank	Invitation sent by email	Declined by email	<i>Mr. Bernis will not be able to attend the hearing on "Combat of Money-Laundering in the EU banking system" on April 26. He did attempt to rearrange his schedule for the date, however, that particular week is proving to be extremely busy as it is the one where everything has to be prepared and finalised to hand over the Bank to the liquidators, therefore, Mr. Bernis is required to be here and attend to these matters.</i>
Pilatus Bank	Several invitations sent by email	No answer received	

Public hearing on "The fight against harmful tax practices within the European Union and abroad" of 15 May 2018

Person/Institution	Status	Answer	Reason
Minister Vladislav Goranov, Bulgarian Finance Minister and Chair of the ECOFIN Council	Invitation sent by letter	Declined	Link to his reply

Public hearing on "Lessons learnt from the Paradise Papers" of 21 June 2018

Person/Institution	Status	Answer	Reason
Appleby	Invitation sent by letter	Declined	Link to his reply

Baker McKenzie	Invitation sent by letter	Declined	Link to his reply
	2nd invitation sent by letter	Declined	Link to his reply

TAX3 Meeting of 25 June 2018

Person/Institution	Status	Answer	Reason
Minister Vladislav Goranov, Bulgarian Finance Minister and Chair of the ECOFIN Council	Invitation sent by letter	Declined	Link to his reply
Monika Panayotova Deputy Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Invitation sent by letter	Declined	Link to her reply

Public hearing on "Golden visas and other national schemes providing tax privileges (free ports, Special Economic Zones)" on 15 October 2018

Person/Institution	Status	Answer	Reason
Director of the Portuguese Immigration and Borders Service	Invitation sent by Letter	Declined by email	<i>Unfortunately the National Director of the Portuguese Immigration and Borders Service, Carlos Matos Moreira, cannot attend this meeting.</i>
CEO of «Le Freeport Luxembourg»	Invitation sent by Letter	Declined	Link to his reply

Mission to the Isle of Man - 22/23 November 2018

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Appleby	Invitation sent by Letter	Declined	Link to his reply

Public hearing on “Money laundering cases involving Russian individuals and their effect on the EU”- 29 January 2019

Person/Institution	Status	Answer	Reason
<p>Andreas Gross Former representative of the Council of Europe</p>	<p>Invitation sent by Letter</p>	<p>Declined By email</p>	<p><i>Mr Gross did not accept the financial conditions of the reimbursement offered by the European Parliament, which would only cover their expenses.</i></p>
<p>Executive Director of Europol's Financial Intelligence Group</p>	<p>Invitation sent by letter</p>	<p>Declined by email</p>	<p><i>Europol runs an Analysis Project (AP) on Eastern European Organised Crime (EEOC) which aims at preventing and combating the forms of criminality within Europol's. Through the AP EEOC at Europol, ongoing investigations of EU Member States and associated operational cooperation partners are supported, by sharing sensitive, as well as classified operational information. The Europol Regulation, in Article 19, (...) does not allow for sensitive or classified operational information to be shared with the general public. Europol is not in a position to publicly report about the supported cases by AP EEOC and any related suspected individuals</i></p>