

**Question for written answer E-004742/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Tax exemption for UEFA and its partner companies at Euro 2016

At a time when tax avoidance by multinationals is becoming increasingly widespread in Europe, as highlighted by the LuxLeaks and SwissLeaks revelations, France has decided not to tax UEFA and its partner companies in the context of Euro 2016.

The French Government just about scraped together the money it needed to pass its 2015 budget. This latest decision, however, will mean that associations which organise major international sporting events in France in the future will be able to avoid tax.

It is yet another clear case of unfair competition, to the benefit of all-powerful multinationals and to the detriment of ordinary people and SMEs, who do not enjoy the same privileges.

1. Does the Commission intend to open an investigation into this case?
2. Tax policy is a Member State matter. In the light of such dubious practices, however, can the EU not put a stop to these national arrangements?
3. Would it be possible to ban tax exemption clauses of this kind in contracts concluded with the Member States in the context of sporting events?