

**Question for written answer E-007427/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Combating tax avoidance, tax evasion, and money laundering

The leak of 11.5 million documents from the Panamanian firm Mossack Fonseca has sparked off debate about the ways in which revenue is being concealed from the authorities. Among the 214 000 offshore companies named in the documents, there are many linked to EU Member States. The directives on the transmission of tax data between Member States (Directive 2011/16/EU), measures to combat money laundering in Member States (Directive 2005/60/EC and Directive (EU) 2015/849), and the supervision of credit institutions and investment firms (Directive 2013/36/EU) have proved to be ineffective.

Given the inadequacy of the results achieved and of preventive action under the above-mentioned directives, what steps will be taken to ensure greater effectiveness?