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# PROGRAMME

**Joint Hearing on**

**"Control challenges in the EU's own resources system"**

**05 May 2015 (15.00-18.30)**

**Brussels, PHS 3C050**

5 min 15.00 - 15.05	<b>Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs</b>
10 min 15.05 - 15.15	<b>Introduction by the Co-Rapporteurs</b>
25 min 15.15 - 15.40	<b>I - State of play of the current financing of the EU budget</b> by <b>Mr Janusz Lewandowski</b> Presentation on ' <b>Reform options for the VAT Own Resource - lessons learnt from recent reform proposals</b> ' by Mr Stefan Lehner, DG BUDG, Director 'Own resources and financial programming'.
20 min 15.40 - 16.00	Questions, replies, debate

<p>60 min 16.00 - 17.00</p>	<p><b>II - Key-issues related to the control of the GNI and VAT own resources: what kind of challenges?</b></p> <p><i>A - GNI:</i></p> <p><i>a- exhaustiveness, comparability and reliability of data in the Member States.</i></p> <p><i>b- adequacy of this aggregate to measure Member States' contributive capacity or relative prosperity (willingness/ability to contribute).</i></p> <p><i>B - VAT gap assessment: a vulnerability to fraud and black economy.</i></p> <p><i>C - Estimation and impact of tax evasion and avoidance within the EU.</i></p> <p><b>Introduction by Ms Inès Ayala Sender</b></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Silke Stapel-Weber, Eurostat, Director 'National Account, prices and key indicators';</li> <li>- Mr Milan Martin Cvikl, Member of the European Court of Auditors;</li> <li>- Ms Jannetje Bussink, DG TAXUD, Head of sector 'Tax administration and fight against tax fraud'.</li> </ul>
<p>25 min 17.00 - 17.25</p>	<p>Questions, replies, debate</p>
<p>25 min 17.25 - 17.50</p>	<p><b>III - Conclusive remarks</b></p> <p>by <b>Mr Ivailo Kalfin</b>, former Member of the European Parliament, Deputy Prime-Minister of Bulgaria and Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Member of the High Level Group on Own Resources.</p>
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<p>15 min 18.15 - 18.30</p>	<p><b>Closing remarks by Co-Rapporteurs</b></p>