



Focus

Remedying the lack of transparency in tax rulings



Dear Reader,

The Parliament's Committee on Tax Rulings looks into allegations that some Member States are using special tax regimes which favour large corporations. We prepare an in-depth assessment of the situation in this area to get a thorough picture of the circumstances.

Preparatory work took place in May and June 2015 and included visits to the Member States involved and an extensive workshop, all supported by studies and briefings prepared by Policy Department A, Economic and Scientific Policy.

In July, a comprehensive set of these materials will be published and give some insight from key experts and academics. This feeds into a final report - due in Autumn 2015 - which will present findings and recommendations of our Committee.

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and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Territorial governance and cohesion policy

REGI

Workshop

13 July 2015 - JAN 2Q2

Cost of corruption in developing countries

DEVE

Study presentation

14 July 2015 - 15.15 to 16.15 - ASP 3G2

Eat for health

ENVI

Workshop

15 September 2015 - 12.30 to 14.30

Transparency, accountability and integrity of the EU institutions

AFCO

Workshop

22 September 2015

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Committee	Title	Publication date
CULT	University quality indicators	July 2015
IMCO	TTIP: Challenges and opportunities for consumer protection	July 2015
INTA	Assessment of trade defence policy decisions for 2014	July 2015
PETI	Towards a revision of the European Citizen Initiative regulation?	Aug 2015
CONT	Use of EU funds in partnership with companies outside Member States	Sept 2015

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HIGHLIGHTS

The EU's role in the OECD

Policy Department on Economic and Scientific Policy

March 2015



Despite the importance the OECD gained during the financial crisis, there is limited knowledge as to how it operates and is governed. This paper forms part of a series of nine studies on the role of the European Union in international economic fora. It provides background information about the OECD and the EU's role and representation, as well as issues of accountability and coordination of EU approaches to it.



Extent of farmland grabbing in the EU

Policy Department on Structural and Cohesion Policies

May 2015



Europe is believed to be situated outside of the 'global land grab' but experts claim there is evidence for farmland grabbing in the EU. The study looks at the rise of large-scale land deals in the EU and finds significant evidence that farmland grabbing is underway in the EU today. It discusses a number of the drivers of farmland grabbing and examines the impacts for European food security and food sovereign, rural employment and vitality, and environmental sustainability.



Civil use of drones

Policy Department on Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs

June 2015



Drones have been developed for military use but are now increasingly used for civil purposes to monitor activities or provide services to clients. At the request of the LIBE Committee, this research addresses the implications of the integration of drones for civilian use into the European civil aviation system. It notably looks into the EU policy on drones and the potential impacts on citizens' right to privacy and data protection, as well as on security and safety.



The EU budget for gender equality

Policy Department on Budgetary Affairs

May 2015



This study subjects the EU budget to a gender budgeting analysis revealing revenue and spending decisions' impacts on gender equality. It covers the operational expenditure of six selected policy areas, in an attempt to pave the way for further, more comprehensive analysis. The authors adopt the capability approach, based on a broad definition of human wellbeing, following bottom-up logic.



Towards more effective global humanitarian action

Policy Department on External Policies

June 2015



The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) in 2016 will address the challenges posed by an unprecedented scale of crises and displaced people. The EU could take a leadership role. The WHS will be the culmination of a global consultation process to make humanitarian action more efficient and effective. The European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid could be a model for a 'Global Consensus on Humanitarian Action' or a 'Global Compact' recognising the diversity of today's humanitarian response system.



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