

Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance
The Chair

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Subject: *Invitation to a hearing of the Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) and the Special Committee on Terrorism (TERR) on "The use of tax frauds –including VAT carousel fraud- to finance terrorism", on Thursday 28 June 2018, 9-11 am, in Brussels*

Dear Mr Frunza,

The Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) and the Special Committee on Terrorism (TERR) are jointly organising public hearing on “The use of tax frauds –including VAT carousel fraud- to finance terrorism” on 28 June 2018 from 9:00 to 11:00.

We would like to thank you for having accepted the invitation to participate in this hearing that the Committee secretariat addressed to you by email. Your participation will take place within the framework of a panel made of four speakers (provisional programme attached) addressing how loopholes in the EU tax system can be used for criminal purposes, and especially terrorist financing in order for both Special Committees to draw appropriate recommendations within their specific remit.

Members are particularly interested in learning about the use of tax frauds, especially VAT carousel fraud, to finance terrorism as well as an indication of magnitude and possible ways to tackle the phenomenon.

In order to better prepare the discussion, you will receive soon questions by mail and we would be grateful if you could please reply to them ahead of the hearing.

We would suggest that your initial statement does not exceed 10 minutes. It would be appreciated if you could transmit the committee an electronic copy of your statement in advance. Without objection on your part, both your initial statement and your answers to the questionnaire will be published on the committees' internet sites after the hearing has taken place.

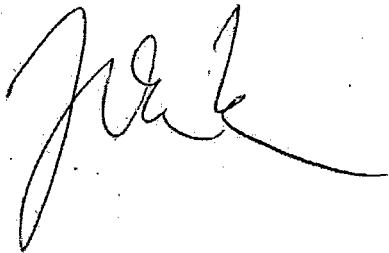
After the opening statements by the panellists, there will be a session of questions and answers with Members. The question and its answer will cover a five-minute slot.

You are entitled to the reimbursement of your travel expenses and to a daily allowance in accordance with the arrangements specified in the "Rules of reimbursement", a copy of which the committee secretariat has already sent to you electronically together with the relevant forms.

Should you need any additional information or should you have any queries on this hearing, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Cécile Remeur (tel.: +32 2 283 27 87, cecile.remeur@europarl.europa.eu) for content-related questions or the Secretariat of the TAX3 Committee (tax3-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu) for logistic questions.

We remain at your disposal for further discussions on this matter. We thank you in advance for your availability and look forward to welcoming you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Ježek', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Petr Ježek

cc: Ms Nathalie Griesbeck, Chair of the Special committee on terrorism



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JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

"THE USE OF TAX FRAUDS –INCLUDING VAT OR CAROUSEL FRAUD- TO FINANCE TERRORISM"

THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2018

9.00 - 11.00

Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) 1A002

DRAFT PROGRAMME

9.00 - 9.05	Welcome by the TAX3 and TERR Chairs
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9.05- 9.45	Presentation by the speakers
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- Mr **Bo Elkjaer**, investigative reporter Danish Broadcasting Corporation (*confirmed*)
- Ms **Elena Hach**, representative of the Romanian General Attorney Office in the Board of the FIAU (the National Office for Prevention and Control of Money Laundering (*tbc*))
- A representative Europol (*tbc*)
- Dr **Marius-Cristian Frunza**, Director with Schwarzthal Kapital (financial advisory and research company) (*confirmed*)

9.45-10.55	Discussion with TAX3 and TERR Members
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10.55- 11.00	Conclusions by the TAX3 and TERR Chairs
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