

PUBLIC HEARING

“VAT FRAUD”

THURSDAY, 28 JUNE 2018

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Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) 1A002
Brussels

CVs OF THE SPEAKERS



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Employment:

- 2013- European Court of Auditors - Member since July 2013, appointed to Chamber IV "Regulation of Markets and Competitive Economy", since March 2018 Dean of the Chamber
- 2009 – 2013 Croatian National Bank - Senior advisor
- 1992 – 2009 International Monetary Fund (IMF), Washington DC, USA - Staff member
- 2004 – 2009 Senior resident representative, Head of the IMF Moscow Office, Russia
 - 2007 – 2009 Mission Chief for Belarus, concurrently with the position in Moscow
 - 2001 – 2004 Mission Chief for Romania, Division Chief
 - 2000 Mission Chief for Albania, Deputy Division Chief
 - 1997 – 1999 Senior Economist Desk Officer for Slovakia, European Department
 - 1995 – 1997 Senior Economist Desk Officer for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, European Department
 - 1994 – 1995 Senior Fiscal Economist for Poland, Fiscal Affairs Department
 - 1992 – 1993 Fiscal Economist for Pakistan, Fiscal Affairs Department
- 1977-1992 Institute of Economics Zagreb, Croatia - Various research positions, including Chief of Division for monetary policy, and the Research Fellow

Education:

- 1988 PhD in Economics, Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb
- 1981 Master's Degree in Economics, Faculty of Foreign Trade, University of Zagreb
- 1975 B.A. Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb

Other professional activities:

- 1991-1992 Advised the Governor of the National Bank of Croatia on the introduction of the first Croatian currency after the declaration of Croatian independence
- 1990 Fulbright post-doctoral scholar, North-Western University, Evanston, IL, USA
- 1989-1990 Member of the Board of the Bank Rehabilitation Agency of the Government of the former SFR Yugoslavia
- 1980-1989 Member of advisory committees on macroeconomic policy and structural reforms formed by the Federal Government of the former SFR Yugoslavia



Ms. Maria Teresa FABREGAS FERNANDEZ is, since March 2017, the Director for Indirect Taxation and Tax Administration in the Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union in the European Commission.

Maria Teresa joined the European Commission in 1997. She has worked in several departments. She held positions in the Directorate-General for Enterprise working on the internal market for industrial goods and better regulation policies and in the Directorate-General for Trade dealing with technical barriers to trade in bilateral and multilateral negotiations (e.g. WTO, FTAs, mutual recognition).

In 2005 she joined the Directorate-General for the Internal Market where she worked on the internal market for services field and later in the Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union as a Head of Unit for "Securities Markets" and for "Financial Markets Infrastructure".

She holds a degree in Law by the University of Barcelona, a post-graduate course in international relations (Centre for International Studies) and a Bachelor's degree in Economics.



Alma Olofsdottir holds a Master Degree in Business Administration and Economics from Stockholm University.

She has been working for the Swedish Tax Agency since the year 2000, mainly in the field of tax fraud.

Since 2009 she is national/international coordinator for the area Cross border VAT fraud (MTIC)

She is also involved in various international forums and projects: IOTA steering group for VAT fraud forum, EU Fiscalis project groups, European multidisciplinary platform against criminal threats (MTIC), EU VAT forum – Cooperation between businesses and tax administrations to prevent VAT fraud, and Nordic Agenda (Cooperation between the Nordic countries) chairperson of a strategic group focusing on VAT fraud in the Nordic countries.

She is appointed Swedish Eurofisc national liaison official (ENLO) and has participated in the Eurofisc network since it started in 2010.

She became the leader of the Eurofisc Working field 4 VAT Observatory from 2013 to 2015 and since July 2016 she is the Chair of the Eurofisc network.



Richard Murphy - Tax Research LLP

Richard Murphy is a UK chartered accountant. He was senior partner of a practicing firm and director of a number of entrepreneurial companies before becoming one of the founders of the Tax Justice Network in 2002. He now directs Tax Research UK and writes, broadcasts and blogs extensively, the latter at <http://www.taxresearch.org.uk/Blog/>.

Richard created the country-by-country reporting concept and has been credited with creating much of the debate on tax gaps in the UK and Europe. He also defined the term 'secrecy jurisdictions', now widely used in debates on offshore. He has been involved in many of the stories on corporate tax abuse that have made headlines in recent years.

Richard has been a visiting or research fellow at a number of UK universities and is joint author of 'Tax Havens, The True Story of Globalisation', Cornell University Press 2010 and sole author of 'The Courageous State', Searching Finance, 2011 and 'Over here and under taxed: the story of Google, Amazon and Starbucks', Vintage Books, February 2013 and is now writing 'The Joy of Tax', due to be published in 2015.

In 2012 the Association of International Accountants gave Richard their award for an outstanding contribution to the accountancy profession. He was named the seventh most influential person in international tax by the International Tax Review in 2013. In 2015 the Sheila McKechnie Foundation named him as their Economic Justice Campaigner of the Year.