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COORDINATORS' MEETING

Monday, 25 June 2018 16.00 to 17.00

Jozsef Antall (JAN) 6Q2

Brussels

Summary of Coordinators recommendations

Present:

Bureau: Petr Jezek (Chair)

Coordinators: Dariusz Rosati (EPP Coordinator)

Peter Simon (S&D Coordinator) Nils Torvalds (ALDE Coordinator)

Molly Scott Cato (Greens Substitute Coordinator)

Martin Schirdewan (GUE Coordinator)

Co-Rapporteurs: Luděk Niedermayer (EPP)

Jeppe Kofod (S&D)

A. Adoption of draft agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

B. Chair's announcements

The Chair made the following announcement:

At the request of PwC and ETAF (European Tax Advisers Federation), the Chair met their representatives in two separate meetings.

Both passed the message that their objectives is to restore the confidence between tax advisers and politicians.

They were given the recommendations concerning their profession addressed by the TAX1, TAX2 and PANA Committees as well as the Dodds Niedermayer report, in case they would like to react.

They offered to provide with additional information such as notably a list of rules applicable on tax advisers by MS. This written information will be circulated to coordinators once available.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

C. Refusal by the Presidency to recognise the TAX3 Committee as an interlocutor

The Coordinators were informed last week of Ms Panayatova's official refusal to attend today's meeting for an exchange of views, despite continuous efforts of the TAX3 Chair to enter into dialogue with her and somehow positive signals given by her Cabinet to the EPP coordinator and TAX3 Chair.

Consequently, the Coordinators agreed that the Chair would make an oral statement at the start of the 25 June Committee meeting.

Moreover, the Coordinators gave mandate to the TAX3 Secretariat to enter in contact with the Austrian Presidency to find a suitable date for an exchange of views with the Minister of Finances.

D. TAX3 Draft calendar of meeting for 2019 & timetable of the report

The Coordinators endorsed the calendar of meetings for 2019, as well as the updated timetable of the TAX3 report.

E. Exchange of views with Ms Lapecorella, Chair of the Code of Conduct Group - 10 October 2018 pm (new slot)

The Coordinators were informed that Ms Lapecorella agreed to meet with the Committee on 10 October, from 15.00 to 16.30.

This new slot which could be extended to 18.30 with another invitee if needed.

F. Invitation of the Kering Group to a next TAX3 meeting

As the Kering Group was not available to attend the TAX3 hearing of 21 June, the Coordinators agreed to re-invite them to a next Committee meeting.

G. Proposal from Google to meet the TAX3 Committee in Brussels

The Coordinators agreed that a public meeting with Google should be organised in Brussels.

H. Joint hearing with ECON with Financial Ministers of France, Germany and Luxembourg on 10 September in Strasbourg - State of play

The Coordinators decided to send an invitation to the Finance Ministers of Spain, Sweden and the Czech Republic.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / INFORMATION

I. How to react to refusals of invited speakers? Proposal from the EPP Coordinator (blacklist)

The EPP Coordinator has proposed to establish a blacklist of stakeholders who refuse invitations of the European Parliament to attend a public hearing.

The Coordinators decided to seek the opinion of the Parliament's Legal Service in order to verify the feasibility and legal basis of such a list.

J. Mission to Washington - 16 to 18 July 2018 - final draft programme

The Coordinators took note of the updated programme.

K. Mission to Latvia - 30-31 August 2018 - Composition and final draft programme

The Coordinators took note of the updated programme. A specific request was made to meet with customs authorities at the free port.

The Members taking part in this mission are the following:

Members	Language	Group
Petr JEZEK, Chair	CS	ALDE
Jeppe KOFOD	DA	S&D
Dariusz ROSATI	PL	EPP
Georgios KYRTSOS	EL	EPP
Ana GOMES	PT	S&D
Monica MACOVEI	RO	ECR
Wolf KLINZ	DE	ALDE
Molly SCOTT CATO	EN	Greens
Paloma LOPEZ BERMEJO	ES	GUE
Barbara KAPPEL	DE	ENF

Accompanying Members	Language	Group
Krišjānis KARIŅŠ	LV	EPP
Roberts ZĪLE	LV	ECR

L. Access to documents

The Coordinators were informed that the Secretariat is working on a complementary request to the Council which would be more precise about the documents to be requested, as demanded by the Presidency and which would invite the Council to reply in a very short time frame, taking into account the principle of sincere cooperation and the tight time-frame of the works of the committee.

The Coordinators were also informed that the Commission - DG TAXUD has delivered a first set of documents to the Secretariat on 26 June.

M. Other business

- The S&D Co-Rapporteur, Mr Kofod, recalled the need for the Danske bank to be invited to a next committee hearing. The Chair confirmed that this bank is foreseen to be invited to the hearing on 21 November.
- The Coordinators decided that a letter should be sent to McDonald's asking for clarification by writing of the elements of the "Unhappy Meal" report McDonald's claim to be inaccurate.

N. Time and date of next Coordinators' meetings

- > 13 September, from 10.00 to 12.00, Strasbourg (new slot)
- > Monday, 1st October, 19.00 to 21.00, Strasbourg