



TAX3

Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance

PUBLIC HEARING

“GOLDEN VISAS AND OTHER NATIONAL SCHEMES PROVIDING TAX PRIVILEGES (FREE PORTS, SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES)”

PANEL I: RISKS IN THE AREA OF MONEY LAUNDERING LINKED TO THE PRACTICE OF GOLDEN VISAS

PANEL II: FREE PORTS, SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES: RISKS AND BENEFITS FOR THE EU

MONDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2018

15.00 - 18.30

Room: JÓZSEF ANTALL (JAN) 6Q2

BRUSSELS

DRAFT PROGRAMME

15.00 - 15.05 **Welcome by the TAX3 Chair**

15.05- 16.45 **Panel I: Risks in the area of money laundering linked to the practice of Golden Visas**

- Mr Philip Kerfs, Head of the International Co-operation Unit, OECD: “Preventing abuse of residence by investment schemes to circumvent the Common Reporting Standards”
- Ms Rachel Owens, Head of EU advocacy for Global Witness: “Money laundering, tax evasion, and additional risks of residence in exchange for investment national schemes”

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Discussant:

- Representatives from the European Commission, DG JUST, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, Dir D — Equality and Union Citizenship
 - Ms Despina Vassiliadou, Deputy Head of Unit Financial Crime, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers - European Commission
 - Ms Monika Mosshammer, Deputy Head of Unit Citizenship rights and Free Movement, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers - European Commission

Discussion with TAX3 Members

16.45- 18.25 Panel II: Free ports, Special Economic Zones: Risks and benefits for the EU

- Mr Sergio Piazzardi, Policy Officer in charge of the Competitive Industry and Innovation Programme and of the Extractive Sector, DG DEVCO: presentation of the study prepared by the Competitive Industries and Innovation Program (CIIP): "Special Economic Zones: impact and vulnerabilities"
- Mr Charles Carr, financial crime expert: "Freeports and risks and benefits for the EU"
- Mr Fabien Grasser, Journalist: "Have there been any progress at Le Freeport Luxembourg after the visit of the PANA Committee?"

Discussant:

- Mr Philip Kermode, Director, European Commission, DG TAXUD, Dir. A - Customs

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18.25- 18.30 Conclusions by the TAX3 Chair