

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

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CVs OF THE SPEAKERS



Philip Kerfs

**Head of Unit
International Co-operation and
Tax Administration Division
OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration**

Philip Kerfs is a Head of Unit at the Centre for Tax Policy and Administration of the OECD. Over the past years he has mainly worked on the TRACE Project, the Common Reporting Standard and more recently the Model Mandatory Disclosure Rules for CRS Avoidance Arrangements. Before joining the OECD, he worked for 13 years as assistant general counsel at Euroclear, where he was responsible for the tax area and the regulatory practice area. Prior to that, he practised tax law at Tournicourt & Vanistendael in Brussels (and enjoyed a spell at the IBFD in Amsterdam). Philip studied law at the Universities of Namur and Leuven (Belgium) and did an LLM in taxation at the Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Fiscales (Brussels)."

Rachel Owens – Bio

Rachel Owens is Head of EU Advocacy at Global Witness, an anti-corruption NGO. In 2017, she set up Global Witness' first EU office leading and working on campaigns to introduce EU rules for mandatory investor due diligence, to crackdown on corruption in EU golden visa schemes and to increase transparency of company ownership through the EU anti-money laundering rules. She was previously acting Campaign Leader of Global Witness' campaign to tackle corruption in the oil, gas and mining sector leading a campaign to bring in new beneficial ownership rules for all 52 countries that are part of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative. Before joining Global Witness, she was Senior Political Advisor to Arlene McCarthy, former Vice-President of the European Parliament's Economic and Monetary Affairs committee leading legislative work on financial services policy including reform of EU market abuse rules, capital markets reform and bankers bonuses.



**Monika Mosshammer,
Deputy Head of Unit
Union citizenship rights and free movement
Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers**

Ms Mosshammer is a lawyer, who has worked in the European Commission for 20 years mainly in the field of Home Affairs. She joined the Directorate General for Justice and Consumers in June 2016.

As senior expert on Schengen matters she negotiated the accession of Switzerland and Liechtenstein to the Schengen area and followed the Schengen enlargement of the Member States who joined the European Union in 2004. She has been involved in the drafting and adoption of legislation laying down the fundamental elements of border control of the European Union like the Schengen Borders Code and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency.

Since 2016, she is deputy head of unit of the Union citizenship rights and free movement unit within the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers. The unit deals in particular with free movement of persons, the right of mobile EU citizens to vote and stand as candidate in local elections and in elections to the European Parliament as well as with consular protection for unrepresented citizens.



**Despina Vassliadou,
Deputy Head of Unit
Financial Crime Unit
Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers**

Despina Vassiliadou is the Deputy Head of Unit of the Financial Crime Unit B3 in DG Justice. She is a lawyer by training and has worked at the European Commission since 2007.

Charles Carr - biography

Charles Carr is a co-founder of **C AND F PARTNERS**, a risk advisory consultancy that advises financial institutions, governments and corporate enterprises on a wide range of risk matters related to financial crime.

Charles has, for 25 years, been assisting these groups, around the world, to assess and reduce financial crime and related regulatory risks. He has served as an advisor to numerous governments on development of their economic crime initiatives and financial intelligence functions.

Charles has developed specialist level knowledge on how illicit money flows are travelling in and out Europe and the systems being used for this function. In particular, the illicit use of off-shore structuring, equity investments, freeports and other platforms that are being used to by-pass laws and legislation on money laundering and tax evasion. With this knowledge Charles is advising financial and corporate bodies on how to combat and confront these ever-changing risk realities.

Previously, Charles was the Head of EMEA for the Financial and Corporate Investigations company, K2 Intelligence and Head Fraud and Corruption for Kroll Associates. Charles throughout his career speaks regularly on the topic of money laundering and financial crime.

He holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Theology from the University of Exeter, UK and speaks English, Italian and Spanish.

Fabien Grassier

Expérience professionnelle

2007-2018 *Le Quotidien du Luxembourg*
Luxembourg

Rédacteur en chef

Rédacteur en chef depuis novembre 2010 après l'élaboration d'une nouvelle formule du journal (redéfinition de la ligne éditoriale et de la maquette).
Membre du comité de direction de Lu Media SA, société éditrice du journal, depuis octobre 2010.
Rédacteur en chef adjoint de décembre 2007 à octobre 2010.

2005-2007 Tanzanie, Burundi et
Madagascar

Grand reportage

Chronique judiciaire au Tribunal pénal international pour le Rwanda à Arusha (Tanzanie) ; reportages en Tanzanie, au Burundi et à Madagascar pour *Le Temps de Genève*, *Témoignage chrétien*, *Rail Passion*, *Les Nouvelles de Madagascar*, *Le Républicain Lorrain* et *Radio Socioculturelle Luxembourg*.

2002-2005 *La Voix du Luxembourg* Luxembourg

Journaliste, secrétaire de rédaction

Responsable de la rubrique « International ». Suivi de l'information européenne (sommets et conseils de l'Union européenne). Réalisation de la Une.
Suivi de l'actualité nationale au Luxembourg (politique, société, justice, faits divers).

2001 *La Nouvelle République du Centre Ouest* Tours

Secrétaire de rédaction, journaliste

Secrétaire de rédaction aux Informations générales dans le cadre de la mise en place d'un système de production intégré.
Reportages et couverture de l'actualité judiciaire à la locale Tours.

1999-2001

Madagascar, la Réunion

Rédacteur en chef, correspondant, formateur

Alliance Française de Diego-Suarez (Madagascar) : rédacteur en chef (conception, maquette, rédaction et photo) d'*Alliance 2000*, journal culturel mensuel de l'Alliance française.

Formation au journalisme à l'Université Nord Madagascar.

Correspondances pour l'*Agence Education et Formation* (AEF – Paris), *Ouest-France*, *Dernières Nouvelles d'Alsace* et *Moniteur du bâtiment et des travaux publics*.

Journaliste et secrétaire de rédaction au *Journal de l'Ile* (Réunion).

1994-1999

Le Républicain Lorrain

Moselle et Luxembourg

Journaliste, adjoint au chef d'édition

Définition du contenu de l'édition Luxembourg du *Républicain Lorrain*.

Animation d'une équipe de 30 journalistes et pigistes. Pagination, maquette et suivi de la réalisation technique. Secrétaire de rédaction. Mission d'évaluation rédactionnelle et budgétaire dans l'agence d'Esch-sur-Alzette.

Rédaction, enquêtes et reportages sur l'Union européenne.

Luxembourg : information politique, sociale et économique ; relations internationales du Grand-Duché ; chronique judiciaire ; publication hebdomadaire d'une page culture.

Reportages au Nicaragua, en El Salvador, aux Etats-Unis, en Allemagne, Autriche et Belgique.

Journaliste dans les agences du *Républicain Lorrain* : Thionville, Hayange, Sarrebourg, Château-Salins et Villerupt.

1993

Le Progrès de Lyon

Journaliste

- Stage professionnel à la locale Lyon

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Formation

1997-1998

ESJ Lille

Sessions de formation professionnelle dispensées par l'ESJ Lille : rédaction, maquette, correction, droit de la presse, budget, marketing, animation en ressources humaines.

1993

EMI-CFD

Paris

Formation professionnelle au journalisme.

1985-1987

USH Strasbourg

- DEUG Histoire

Mr. Philip Kermode

Title

Director

Company

European Commission – Directorate General Taxation and Customs Union (DG TAXUD)

Bio

Philip KERMODE is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin and a member of the Institute of Taxation in Ireland.

He has worked in the European Commission since 1987. Prior to joining the Commission he worked in the Office of the Revenue Commissioners and then as a tax manager in Price Waterhouse, Dublin.

He has worked in different functions in the Commission's Taxation and Customs Union Directorate General and in the Commission's Anti-Fraud Service (OLAF). In November 2008 he became Director responsible for Direct Taxation, Tax Coordination, Economic Analysis and Evaluation and in October 2014 he was appointed Director of the Customs Policy, Legislation, Tariff Directorate. He has been in this function since then.

