



COORDINATORS' MEETING

**Thursday, 13 September 2018
10.00 to 12.00**

Louise Weiss S4.2

Strasbourg

Summary of Coordinators recommendations

Present:

Bureau: Petr Jezek (Chair)
Ana Gomes (4th Vice-Chair)

Coordinators: Dariusz Rosati (EPP Coordinator)
Tom Vandenkendelaere (EPP Deputy Coordinator)
Peter Simon (S&D Coordinator)
Nils Torvalds (ALDE Coordinator)
Sven Giegold (Greens Coordinator)
Martin Schirdewan (GUE Coordinator)

Co-Rapporteur: Jeppe Kofod (S&D)

A. Adoption of draft agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

B. Chair's announcements

The Chair made a short debriefing of the US and Latvia missions for which the mission reports have been sent to participants and will be made public soon.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

C. Request of the S&D coordinator to invite ING Bank

The Coordinators agreed to invite the ING Bank Belgium and following an additional request by EPP also ING Netherlands at the public hearing of 21 November 2018.

D. Hearing of 21 November

The Coordinators decided to structure this meeting in two hearings:

Hearing I - Combatting Money laundering in the EU banking sector:

- Danske Bank
- ING Belgium and ING Netherlands

Hearing II - Alleged financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance in Slovakia and Malta (to be confirmed, depending on the outcome of the LIBE mission to Slovakia and Malta and whether a joint hearing LIBE/TAX3 can take place).

With regard to the cooperation with the LIBE working Group, the Chair was tasked to send a letter to the Chair of the LIBE Committee.

E. Programming of Public Hearings in the first half 2019

At this stage, no public hearing has been decided for the first half of 2019. This item will be dealt at the next Coordinators' meeting.

F. Committee missions in 2019

This item will be decided at the Coordinators' meeting of 1st October. The Coordinators' proposals are: Bulgaria/Romania and Slovakia.

G. Programme of hearing of 15 October

The Coordinators endorsed the draft programme with some modifications. A new version of the programme will be circulated shortly.

H. TAX3 Coordinators and meeting of 1st October in Strasbourg

The next Coordinators' meeting is scheduled on 1st October, from 19h00 to 20h00.

This meeting will be followed by a public hearing, from 20h30 to 21h45, on the relations with Switzerland in tax matters and fight against money laundering.

I. Presentation of studies on 18 October pm (new slot replacing TAX3 meeting of 27 September)

The Coordinators endorsed the new slot of Thursday, 18 October, from 14.00 to 17.30 at which the presentation of the EPRS Studies will take place.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / INFORMATION

J. State of play hearing of 26 September: "The third country dimension in the Fight against Tax crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance"

The Coordinators took note of the programme of the hearing. They also decided to invite Mr Barnier (or a representative of the task force) at an "open Coordinators' meeting" on 1st October.

K. Programme of activities until the end of the mandate

The Coordinators took note of the updated version of the activities planned until the end of the mandate:

Date	Topic
Wednesday, 26 September 2018 15.00 - 18.30	The third country dimension in the Fight against Tax crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance Panel 1: Risks in the field of tax policy associated with Brexit : - How Brexit will affect issues that already exist with tax and financial policy of certain British Crown Dependencies? - Possible solutions to the EU-UK tax

Date	Topic
	<p>relations in the context of Brexit</p> <p>Panel 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lessons to be learned from other EU-third countries trade agreements (Norway, Switzerland, ...) - How bilateral tax treaties and free trade agreements can facilitate fighting against illicit financial flows and tax evasion? - Impact on developing countries
<p>Monday 1st October</p> <p>19.00 - 21.45</p>	<p>19h00 to 20h00: Coordinators' meeting.</p> <p>20h30 to 21h45: Public hearing on the relations with Switzerland in tax matters and the fight against money laundering</p>
<p>Wednesday, 10 October</p> <p>14.00 - 18.00</p>	<p>14h00 to 15h00: Presentation of the study on VAT Fraud</p> <p>15h00 to 16h30: Exchange of views with with Mrs Lapecorella, Chair of the Code of Conduct Group on Business Taxation (confirmed)</p> <p>16h30 to 18h00: public hearing with Google (invited). A hearing with the Kering Group will be scheduled in a later stage.</p>
<p>Monday, 15 October 2018</p> <p>15:00-18:30</p>	<p>Golden visas and other national schemes providing tax privileges (freeports, Special Economic Zones): impact on anti-money laundering and tax evasion rules</p>
<p>Thursday, 18 October 2018</p> <p>14.00 - 17.30</p>	<p>Presentation of studies (Golden visas, shell companies and freeports)</p> <p>Nb: the draft studies will be available to Members a few days ahead of the hearing of 15 October</p>
<p>Thursday, 21 November 2018</p> <p>9.00 - 13.00</p>	<p><u>Hearing I</u>: Combatting Money laundering in the EU banking sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Danske Bank - ING Belgium and ING Netherlands <p><u>Hearing II</u>: Alleged financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance in Slovakia</p>

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	and Malta (to be confirmed, depending on the outcome of the LIBE mission to Slovakia and Malta and whether a joint hearing LIBE/TAX3 will take place)
22-24 November	Mission to the Isle of Man
Tuesday, 27 November 2018 15.00 - 18.30	Exchange of views with one Commissioner (preferably Commissioner Vestager) on the state of implementation of the TAX1, TAX2, PANA and Dodds-Niedermayer reports (suggested) + Consideration of draft report
Monday, 10 December 2018 19.30 - 21.30 (Strasbourg)	Exchange of views with 2 Commissioners (preferably Moscovici and Jourova) on the state of implementation of the TAX1, TAX2, PANA and Dodds-Niedermayer reports (suggested)
Monday 17 December pm	Deadline for amendments
Thursday, 24 January 2019 9.00 - 12.30	Shadows meeting / Reserve slot for a Committee meeting
Tuesday, 29 January 2019 14.00 - 18.00	Consideration of amendments
Thursday, 7 February 2019 9.00 - 12.30	Shadows meeting / Reserve slot for a Committee meeting
Monday, 18 February 2019 15.00 - 18.30	Shadows meeting / Reserve slot for a Committee meeting
Wednesday, 27 February 2019 09.00 - 13.00 + 15.00 - 18.30 (fall-back slot)	Vote on TAX3 report

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

The Coordinators took note of the views of the EP Legal Service regarding the feasibility and legal basis of the establishment of a blacklist of stakeholders who refuse EP invitations to attend a public hearing.

The secretariat has been asked to check whether the companies that refused the invitations have an access badge. If so, a letter will be sent to the Quaestors in order to request the withdrawal of the badges.

M. Mission to the Isle of Man

The Coordinators took note of the draft programme of the mission. They were also invited to make suggestions to the programme by Thursday, 20 September 2018 end of business.

N. Access to documents

The President was instructed to contact the Council by telephone in order to receive a quick reply to the request for access to documents sent in July.

O. Other business

The Coordinators were informed that following the hearing on 21 June with multinationals, the Chair addressed a letter to McDonald's asking for clarification of the elements of the "Unhappy Meal" report that McDonald's claim to be inaccurate.

P. Time and date of next Coordinators' meetings

- Monday, 1st October, from 19.00 to 20.00, Strasbourg