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# **COORDINATORS' MEETING**

Monday, 1st October 2018 19.00 to 20.00

Salvador de Madariaga (SDM) S-5

**Strasbourg** 

# **Summary of Coordinators recommendations**

Present:

**Bureau:** Petr Jezek (Chair)

**Coordinators:** Dariusz Rosati (EPP Coordinator)

Peter Simon (S&D Coordinator)
Nils Torvalds (ALDE Coordinator)
Sven Giegold (Greens Coordinator)

**Co-Rapporteur**: Luděk Niedermayer (EPP)

Jeppe Kofod (S&D)

**Chair of LIBE** 

working group: Sophie In't Veld (ALDE)

### A. Adoption of draft agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

#### **B.** Chair's announcements

#### ITEMS FOR DECISION

#### C. Follow-up to the LIBE expert group mission to Slovakia and Malta

The Coordinators were briefed by Sophie In't Veld, Chair of the LIBE working group on the findings of the mission to Malta and Slovakia.

#### D. Missions in the first half of 2019

The following mission has been approved by the Coordinators:

Denmark and Estonia - Dates: 6, 7 and 8 February 2019

#### E. Public Hearings in the first half 2019

Among the suggestions made by the political groups, the Coordinators approved the following proposals:

- Public hearing on "Money laundering cases involving Russian individuals and their effect on the EU" (speakers to be invited: Joshua Kirschenbaum and Bill Browder)
- Public hearing on the "Impact of tax evasion and money laundering on local real estate markets, in particular in European cities"
- Public hearing on "Alleged financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance in Slovakia"
- Workshop on the evaluation of the tax gap (state of play of "Tax Gap Project Group" established under the Fiscalis 2020 Programme)

# ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / INFORMATION

#### F. Next TAX3 Committee meetings

The Coordinators endorsed the programmes for the following meetings with some additions:

## Wednesday, 10 October 14:00-16:30

- Presentation of the study on "VAT fraud: economic impact, challenges and policy issues" by the Policy Department "A" for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life.
- Exchange of views with Mrs Lapecorella, Chair of the Code of Conduct Group on Business Taxation

## Monday, 15 October 15:00-18:30

 Public hearing on "Golden visas and other national schemes providing tax privileges (freeports, Special Economic Zones)"

### > Thursday, 18 October 14:00-17:30

 Presentation of the studies (Golden visas, shell companies and freeports) by the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS).

Nb: the draft studies will be available to Members a few days ahead of the hearing of 15 October.

## Wednesday, 21 November 9:00-13:00

 Public hearing on "Combatting Money laundering in the EU banking sector".

In addition, the Coordinators decided inviting the whistle-blower of the Danske Bank, as well as representatives from the Commission and the European Banking Authority (EBA) to discuss the reflection paper on elements of a Roadmap for seamless cooperation between AML and prudential supervisors and the recent Commisison's proposals to reinforce the role of EBA in AML supervision of the financial sector. They also decided that representatives of the Swedish Bank Association who declined before should be invited.

### Tuesday, 27 November pm

- 15:00- 16:00 Consideration of TAX3 draft report
- 16:00-17:15 Exchange of views with Commissioner Moscovici
- 17:15-18:30 Hearing with the Kering Group and Google (invited). In addition, the Coordinators decided to also invite Facebook.

#### > Monday 10 December pm in Strasbourg

 Exchange of view with Commissioner Jourova (19:15-20:30) and Commissioner Vestager (20:30-21:45)

#### > Thursday 24 January am

Public hearing on "Money laundering cases involving Russian individuals and their effect on the EU" (speakers to be invited: Joshua Kirschenbaum and Bill Browder)

## > Tuesday 29 January pm

- Consideration of amendments
- Public hearing on "Alleged financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance in Slovakia"

#### > Monday 18 February pm

- Public hearing on the "Impact of tax evasion and money laundering on local real estate markets, in particular in European cities"
- Workshop on the evaluation of the tax gap (state of play of "Tax Gap Project Group" established under the Fiscalis 2020 Programme)

#### G. Mission to the Isle of Man

The Coordinators endorsed the draft programme of the mission.

Since no representative from the Greens and EFDD will be present, the vacant places will be taken by EPP and S&D.

#### H. Access to documents

The Chair debriefed Coordinators about his phone call with Mr Carsten Pillath, Council's Director General as regards the July request for documents.

The Coordinators decided that if by 10 October no document has been received from the Council, the Chair will address the issue with the EP President.

#### I. Any other business

The Coordinators decided to publish a list of invited companies to TAX3 hearings and information as to whether they accepted or refused the invitation, in the next newsletter, as well as on the TAX3 website; it should also appear in some form in the TAX3 report.

## J. Time and date of next Coordinators' meeting

> Tuesday, 27 November 2018, from 18.30 to 19.30