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Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance
The Chair

Mr Olivier Guersent
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Subject: *Invitation to a public hearing organised by the European Parliament Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) on "Combating money-laundering in the EU banking system", on 21 November 2018, 9:00 am - 12:30 am, in Brussels*

Dear Director General,

The European Parliament Special Committee on Tax Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) has decided to hold a hearing on "Combating Money-Laundering in the EU banking system", on **Wednesday, 21 November 2018, 9:00 am - 12:30 am, in Brussels.**

The TAX3 Committee held a first hearing on the subject on 26 April 2018 at which the supervisory institutions and financial intelligence units of some Members States participated. The committee has now decided, in light of recent serious allegations of money laundering involving some financial institutions, to hold a second hearing on the subject with a view to acquiring a more detailed understanding of the money-laundering vulnerabilities of the EU banking sector and improving the supervisory system as to ensure that new episodes of this kind are avoided.

The hearing will be structured in two panels. The first panel will be devoted to discussing with banks, whistle-blowers and experts about the money-laundering vulnerabilities of the financial sector in the EU and the implementation of effective anti-money laundering measures within banks. The second panel, at which your participation is expected, will consist of an exchange of views with the European Banking Authority and the Commission DG JUST and DG FISMA about the "Reflection paper on possible elements of a Roadmap for seamless cooperation between Anti Money Laundering and Prudential Supervisors in the European Union". The second panel will also focus on the subsequent Commission proposal to amend the Regulation establishing the European Banking Authority (EBA) which seeks to reinforce the role of the EBA in anti-money laundering supervision of the financial sector.

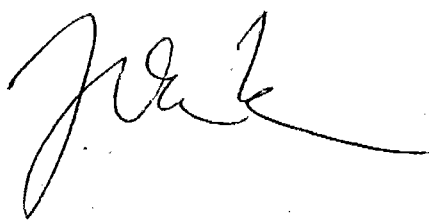
The session will start with a short introduction by each invited speaker, which should not exceed 7 minutes. Following the opening statements by the panellists, there will be a session of questions and answers with Members. Questions will be asked in slots of five minutes: each question will be put within one minute at maximum, with the remaining time devoted to the answer. If time allows, the Member will have the possibility to ask a follow-up question, without extending the overall five-minute slot. For your information, please find attached the draft programme of this event.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance at your earliest convenience and **no later than 7 November 2018**. After your confirmation, we will send you some questions in preparation of the meeting.

For any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Francisco Ruiz-Risueño (tel.: +32 2 284 05 61, francisco.ruizrisueno@europarl.europa.eu) for content-related questions or the Secretariat of the TAX3 Committee (tax3-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu) for logistic questions.

I look forward to seeing you on 21 November 2018.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Ježek', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Petr Ježek

Encl.: Draft programme



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PUBLIC HEARING
**"COMBATting MONEY LAUNDERING IN THE EU BANKING
SECTOR"**

WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2018

9.00 - 12.30

Room: PAUL HENRI SPAAK (PHS) 5B001

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

9.00 - 9.05 **Welcome by the TAX3 Chair**

9.05- 11.00 **First panel: Money laundering in the EU Banking Sector: what is failing?**

- *Mr **Jan-Willem Vink**, General Counsel, ING Groep*
- *Mr **Howard Wilkinson**, whistle-blower on Danske Bank*
- *Mr **Stephen M. Kohn**, counsel to Mr Wilkinson and expert in whistleblowing*
- *Mr **Jesper Nielsen**, Interim CEO, Danske Bank*
- *Ms **Åsa Arffman**, Chief Legal Counsel, Swedish Bankers' Association*

Discussion with TAX3 Members



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11.00- 12.25 Second panel: Better cooperation for better results in the fight against money laundering: Enhancing the role of the EBA in AML supervision of the financial sector

- *Mr **Andrea Enria**, First Chairperson, European Banking Authority (EBA) (tbc)*
- *Mr **Olivier Guersent**, Director General, DG FISMA, European Commission (tbc)*
- *Ms **Alexandra Jour-Schroeder**, Acting Deputy Director General, DG JUST, European Commission*

Discussion with TAX3 Members

12.25- 12.30 Conclusions by the TAX3 Chair