

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

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Mr Simon Bowers
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Subject: *Invitation to a meeting of the Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) on Thursday, 21 June 2018, from 9 am to 12.30 pm, in Brussels, ASP A3G3*

Dear Mr Bowers,

On 22 March 2018, the European Parliament set up a Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) with the mission, inter alia, to examine dubious tax practices of international corporations within the territory of the European Union.

Within this framework, the TAX3 Committee is organising a parliamentary hearing that will take place **in Brussels, on Thursday, 21 June 2018, from 9 am to 12.30 pm, room ASP A3G3**, under the title “Lessons learnt from the Paradise Papers”, to which I would like to invite you.

The hearing will be structured in two panels. The first panel, at which your participation will be much welcomed, will be devoted to discuss with tax experts and journalists whether the Paradise Papers revelations show loopholes in the EU tax legislation. The second panel will consist of a discussion with multinational corporations and intermediaries on allegations of aggressive tax planning schemes within the EU. Please find enclosed herewith a draft programme of the meeting.

The session will start with a short introduction by each of the invited speakers, which should not exceed 5 minutes. The introductory remarks will be followed by an exchange of views with Members of the TAX3 Committee, during which time speakers will be invited to respond to observations made and questions posed to them. 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.

I would be grateful if you could let us know about your interest and availability to participate at your earliest convenience and **preferably no later than Wednesday, 31 May 2018.**

In order to better organise the discussion, we will be soon sending some questions to you in preparation of the meeting.

For further 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 remain at your disposal for further discussions on this matter. I thank you in advance for your availability and look forward to welcoming you to our meeting on 21 June 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



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PUBLIC HEARING

"LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE PARADISE PAPERS"

PANEL I: DO THE "PARADISE PAPERS" SHOW LOOPHOLES IN THE EU TAX LEGISLATION?

PANEL II: ALLEGED AGGRESSIVE TAX PLANNING SCHEMES WITHIN THE EU

THURSDAY, 21 JUNE 2018

9.00 - 12.30

Room: Altiero Spinelli (ASP) 3G-3

PRELIMINARY DRAFT PROGRAMME

9.00 - 9.05	Welcome by the TAX3 Chair
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9.05- 10.40	Panel I: Do the "Paradise Papers" show loopholes in the EU tax legislation?
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- **Mr *Pascal Saint-Amans***, Director, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OCDE (tbc)
- **Mr *Simon Bowers***, Reporter of ICIJ on Paradise Papers (tbc)
- **Mr *Duncan Wigan***, Professor and Project partner in the project "Combating Fiscal Fraud and Empowering Regulators (COFFERS)", Copenhagen Business School (tbc)

Discussion with TAX3 Members



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10.40- 12.25 Panel II: Alleged aggressive tax planning schemes within the EU

- *Mr **Tim Cook***, Chief Executive Officer, Apple Inc. (tbc)
- *Mr **Steve Easterbrook***, Chief Executive Officer, McDonald's (tbc)
- *Mr **Mark Parker***, Chief Executive Officer, Nike Inc. (tbc)
- *Mr **Cameron Adderley***, Managing partner Hong-Kong and Worldwide, Appleby (tbc)

Discussion with TAX3 Members

12.25- 12.30 Conclusions by the TAX3 Chair