

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

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Lord Donald Anderson  
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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 the 'Money Laundering cases involving Russian  
individuals and their effect on the EU' on Tuesday, 29 January 2019,  
from 14.30 to 17.30, in Brussels*

Dear Mr Anderson,

As you may be aware, the European Parliament set up the TAX3 Committee on 1 March 2018 with the mission, inter alia, to build on and complement the work carried out by the TAXE 1 and TAXE 2 special committees and the PANA Inquiry committee on tax avoidance, tax evasion and money laundering<sup>1</sup>.

Within this framework, the TAX3 committee organises a hearing on the 'Money Laundering Cases involving Russian individuals and their effect on the EU' on **Tuesday, 29 January 2019 from 14.30 to 17.30 in Brussels.**

We would like to invite you to speak in the second panel on the Magnitsky case to share with the committee Members your expert knowledge on this matter. The second panel will commence at 16.00 and will finish at 17.30.

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

I would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance at your earliest convenience and **preferably no later than Friday 25 January 2019.**

After your confirmation, we will be sending prior to the meeting some questions to you in preparation of the panel. We will also send you some practical information, including the room at which the meeting will take place.

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<sup>1</sup> European Parliament decision of 1 March 2018 on setting up a special committee on financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance (TAX3), and defining its responsibilities, numerical strength and term of office (2018/2574(RSO)).

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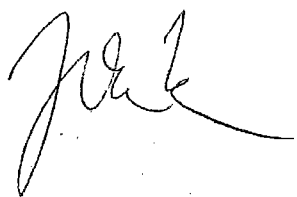
I would like to inform you that, on the basis of the Rules of Procedures of the European Parliament (Rule 115), debates in Parliament are public and Committees shall normally meet in public. Therefore, the meeting you are invited to attend will be web-streamed and photographs may be taken and made accessible online and/or published in parliamentary newsletters. Please inform us whether you have any objection for those potential photographs being published on our website and/or in our newsletters.

I would also like to inform you that, without any objection on your part, by accepting this invitation you accept that any statement or presentation you submit to the committee with a view to the meeting may be published on our website. Written replies requested by the committee in preparation of the meeting or initial written statements to be made by a speaker at the beginning of the meeting are made publicly available on our website subsequently to the meeting. CVs may also be published on our website (they should contain only the relevant information for the purpose of the meeting). You have the right to access and rectify the data included thereof in accordance with the data protection legislation in force."

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Gabriel Alvarez Recarte (tel.: +32 2 28 33081, [gabriel.alvarez@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:gabriel.alvarez@europarl.europa.eu) ) for content-related questions or the Secretariat of the TAX3 Committee ([tax3-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:tax3-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu)) for logistic questions.

I remain at your disposal for further discussions on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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

Petr Ježek

Annex: provisional programme



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## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **"MONEY LAUNDERING CASES INVOLVING RUSSIAN INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE EU"**

**TUESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2019**

**14.30 - 17.30**

**Room: ALTIERO SPINELLI (ASP) 1G-3**

**BRUSSELS**

## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**14.30 - 14.35** Welcome by the TAX3 Chair

**14.35 - 16.00** First panel: Effects in the EU of money laundering cases involving Russian linkages.

- **Anders Åslund**, Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University
- **Joshua Kirschenbaum**, senior fellow at German Marshall Fund's Alliance for Securing Democracy
- **Richard Brooks**, Journalist at Private Eye and at the Guardian

**Discussion with TAX3 Members**



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**16.00 - 17.25** Second panel: The Magnitsky Case

- **Bill Browder**, founder and CEO of Hermitage Capital Management
- **Donald Anderson**, Rapporteur and Member of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the General Assembly, Council of Europe (tbc)

**Discussion with TAX3 Members**

**17.25 - 17.30** **Conclusions by the TAX3 Chair**