

Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance
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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 “Alleged financial crimes, tax evasion and tax
avoidance in Slovakia” on Thursday, 24 January 2019, from 09.00 am
to 10.30 am, in room PHS 4B001, European Parliament, Brussels*

Dear Mr Bárdy,

On 1 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 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.¹

The TAX3 Committee is currently organising a public hearing on “Alleged financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance in Slovakia” that will take place on **Thursday, 24 January 2019 from 09.00 am to 10.30 am in Brussels, room PHS 4B001.**

On behalf of the TAX3 Committee, I would like to invite you to participate at that hearing in your capacity as editor-in-chief of the news portal Aktuality.sk., at which Mr Ján Kuciak worked at the time he was brutally murdered. Please find enclosed to this letter the draft programme of the hearing.

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 time 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 4 January 2019.**

¹ 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)).

After your confirmation, we will send you some practical information, including information on the possibility to have your expenses in connection with your attendance to the hearing reimbursed. We may also send you some questions to be replied in writing in preparation of the hearing.

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I would like to inform you that pursuant to Rule 115 of the Rules of Procedures of the European Parliament, 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 Francisco Ruiz-Risueño (tel.: +32 2 28 40561, 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.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Ježek', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Petr Ježek

Annex: Draft programme



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PUBLIC HEARING

"ALLEGED FINANCIAL CRIMES, TAX EVASION AND TAX AVOIDANCE IN SLOVAKIA"

THURSDAY, 24 JANUARY 2019

9:00 - 10:30

Room: PAUL-HENRI SPAAK (PHS) 4B001

BRUSSELS

DRAFT PROGRAMME

9.00 - 9.05 Welcome by the TAX3 Chair

9.05- 10.25 Hearing

- *Mr Peter Bárdy*, Editor-in-chief of the news portal "aktuality.sk"
- *Ms Lenka Wittenbergerová*, President of the Financial Directorate of Slovakia,
former Director General of the Tax Section
- *Mr Jaromír Čížnár*, Slovakia General Prosecutor

Discussion with TAX3 Members

10.25 - 10.30 Conclusions by the TAX3 Chair