

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

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Subject: *Invitation to an exchange of views with the European Parliament Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) on “Alleged Financial Crimes, Tax evasion and Tax avoidance in Malta” on Monday, 11 February 2019, from 19:00-21:00, in Strasbourg*

Dear Mr Caruana Galizia

As you are 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 laundering¹.

Within this framework, the TAX3 Committee would like to invite you to exchange views with the committee on **Monday, 11 February 2019 from 19:00-21:00 in Strasbourg on “Alleged Financial Crimes, Tax evasion and Tax avoidance in Malta”**.

We would like to invite you to speak in the second panel to share with the committee Members your expert knowledge on this matter. The second panel will commence at 20.00 and will finish at 21.00.

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 Wednesday 6 February, 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.

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)).

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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, your collaborators can contact Mr Gabriel Alvarez Recarte (tel.: +32 2 28 41667, gabriel.alvarez@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 blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Ježek', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Petr Ježek

Annex: Draft Programme



TAX3

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PUBLIC HEARING

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

MONDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2019

19.00 - 21.00

Room: Salvador de Madariaga (SDM) S1

STRASBOURG

DRAFT PROGRAMME

19.00 - 19.05 **Welcome by the TAX3 Chair**

19.05 - 20.00 **First panel: Exchange of views with the Minister of Justice of Malta**

- **Dr. Owen Bonnici**, Minister for Justice of Malta

Discussion with TAX3 Members

20.05 - 20.55 **Second panel: Presentation by speakers**

- **Stephen Grey**, special correspondent at Reuters and investigative journalist
- **Matthew Caruana Galizia**, investigative journalist and son of the murdered journalist from Malta, Daphne Caruana Galizia.

Discussion with TAX3 Members

20.55 - 21.00 **Conclusions by the TAX3 Chair**

