

FOR A **FAIR, MODERN & EFFICIENT** CORPORATE TAXATION IN EUROPE

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THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION HOUSE

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Lux Leaks, the Panama Papers and most recently the Paradise Papers have dramatized the need for a radical reform of the corporate taxation in Europe. Tax havens, letterbox companies, transfer pricing, digital sales and a cross-national race to the bottom in corporate tax rates and enforcement are practices which have increased the disparity between the way workers and corporations are taxed and reduced the resources available to public budgets. Changes in regulation and enforcement are needed to reduce unfairness and increase the efficiency of the current system of corporate taxation.

The [Foundation for European Progressive Studies](#) and the [S&D Group](#) in the European Parliament, in cooperation with the European Trade Union Institute ([ETUI](#)), the Friedrich Ebert Foundation ([FES](#)) and the Think-tank for Action on Social Change ([TASC](#)), are co-organizing an all-day conference on 9 April 2018 to discuss problems and policy solutions in this area. In a set of keynote speeches and workshops, experts and actors from academia, trade unions, civil society and government will address current proposals to deal these problems and help develop a progressive agenda on European taxation reform.

Over 25 top-level speakers / 6 thematic workshops / EN-FR-DE interpretation in the plenary

Programme

- 8:30 – 9:30 *Registration and coffee*
- 9.30 – 9.50 *Welcoming Remarks and Opening of Works*
Udo BULLMANN, President, S&D Group, European Parliament
Luca VISENTINI, General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
- 9.50 - 11.15 *Plenary: **TOWARDS FAIR AND BALANCED CORPORATE TAXATION IN EUROPE***
James S. HENRY, Columbia University Center on Sustainable Investment
& author of "The Blood Bankers: Tales from the Global Underground Economy"
Ruud de MOOIJ, Chief of the Tax Policy Division, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF
Pierre MOSCOVICI, Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs, European Commission
Moderator: Aline HOFFMANN, Head of Unit, ETUI
Q&A with the audience
- 11.15 – 11.30 *Coffee Break*

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11.30 – 13.00 *Parallel Workshops*

1. **LETTERBOX COMPANIES, TAX HAVENS AND THE TAX AVOIDANCE INDUSTRY**
with contributions by **Séverine PICARD** (ETUC); **Mijke HOUWERZIJL** (University of Groningen & Tilburg University); **Esmé BERKHOUT** (Oxfam); **Prem SIKKA** (University of Essex, University of Sheffield & Tax Justice Network)
and moderated by **Jan CREMERS** (University of Amsterdam & Tilburg University)
2. **TAXING MULTINATIONALS THROUGH CONSOLIDATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF PROFITS** with contributions by **Tommaso FACCIO** (University of Nottingham); **Alfons WEICHENRIEDER** (Goethe University Frankfurt & Vienna University of Economics and Business); **Katja LETHO-KOMULAINEN** (ETUC); **James STEWART** (Trinity College Dublin & TASC)
and moderated by **Paul TANG** (MEP, S&D Group)
3. **OWN RESOURCES: POSSIBILITIES & STRATEGY**
with contributions by **Danuse NERUDOVA** (Mendel University); **Jacques LE CACHEUX** (Observatoire français des conjonctures économiques & Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour); **Jorge Núñez FERRER** (CEPS); **Friedrich HEINEMANN** (ZEW)
and moderated by **David RINALDI** (FEPS)

13:00 – 14:00 *Networking lunch*

14.00 – 15.45 *Parallel Workshops*

1. **TAXING THE DIGITAL GIANTS**
with contributions by **John VELLA** (Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation); **Peter HONGLER** (Zurich University); **Joao NOGUEIRA** (IBFD & IFA); **Andres BAEZ** (Universidad Carlos III); **Valeska GRONERT** (DG TAXUD, European Commission)
and moderated by **Pervenche BERÈS** (MEP, S&D Group)
2. **COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY REPORTING & THE TAX TRANSPARENCY AGENDA**
with contributions by **Jeppe KOFOD** (MEP, S&D Group); **Elena GAITA** (Transparency International); **Manon AUBRY** (Oxfam); **Achim PROSS** (OECD)
and moderated by **Robert SWEENEY** (TASC)
3. **INTERNAL MARKET DISTORTIONS & THE RACE TO THE BOTTOM**
with contributions by **Tove RYDING** (Eurodad); **John CHRISTENSEN** (Tax Justice Network); **Simon LORETZ** (WIFO & Oxford); **Nadja SALSON** (European Public Service Union)
and moderated by **Peter SIMON** (MEP, S&D Group)



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15:45 – 16:00 *Coffee Break*

16:00 - 17:30 *Plenary: **THE WAY FORWARD TO GET A FAIR, MODERN & EFFICIENT CORPORATE TAXATION IN EUROPE***

Each workshop will report back on the main outcomes, followed by a discussion between:

- **Tove RYDING**, European Network on Debt and Development (EURODAD)
- **Prem SIKKA**, University of Essex, University of Sheffield & Tax Justice Network
- **Achim PROSS**, Head of the International Cooperation and Tax Administration Division, OECD
- **Jan Willem GOUDRIAAN**, General Secretary, EPSU
- **Paul TANG**, MEP, S&D Group, Rapporteur on the CC(C)TB report of the European Parliament

Q&A with the audience

Moderator: Indra RÖMGENS, University of Roskilde

17:30 – 18:00 Concluding Remarks: **TOWARDS A SHARED VISION FOR TAXATION IN EUROPE**
Maria Joao RODRIGUES, President, FEPS & Vice Chair, S&D Group
Peter SCHERRER, Deputy Secretary General, ETUC

18:00– 19:00 *Networking drinks!*

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