



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
DIRECTORATE GENERAL INTERNAL POLICIES OF THE UNION

TAXE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

ON TAX RULINGS AND OTHER MEASURES SIMILAR IN NATURE OR EFFECT

Results of the TAXE Coordinators' meeting of 21 May 2015

Presence:

TAXE Bureau:

Mr Lamassoure, Chair
Mr Lucke , ECR Group - 1st Vice-Chair
Ms Joly, Greens/EFA Group - 3rd Vice-Chair

TAXE Coordinators:

Mr Balz, Coordinator of the EPP Group
Mr Simon, Coordinator of the S&D Group
Mr Messerschmidt, Coordinator (and shadow) of the ECR Group
Ms Goulard, Coordinator of the ALDE Group
Mr Viegas, Coordinator of the GUE/NLG Group
Mr Lamberts, on behalf of Mr Giegold, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA Group
Mr Zanni, Coordinator (and shadow) of the EFDD Group

Co-Rapporteurs

Ms Ferreira, S&D Group - Co-rapporteur

Apologies:

Ms Matias, GUE/NGL Group - 2nd Vice-Chair
Mr Theurer, ALDE Group - Co-rapporteur

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

The draft agenda was adopted with the following change: point 3 and 4 were taken jointly before point 2.

3. Decisions on the extension of the mandate of the TAXE Committee

4. Decision on the calendar of the TAXE Committee

Decision of the coordinators on the jointly taken points 3 and 4 of the agenda:

Coordinators unanimously decided to request a time extension of the TAXE mandate, which for now formally expires on 12 August 2015, until the end of November 2015.

The following draft calendar for the preparation and adoption of the TAXE report was endorsed:

Milestone	Date
Circulation of draft report	Friday, 17.07
Presentation of draft report	Monday, 07.09, evening (STR)
Second exchange of views on the draft report	Thursday, 17.09, a.m.
Deadline for AMs (AT4AM)	Tuesday, 22.09, 12.00
Vote in TAXE	Thursday 15.10, a.m.
Vote in Plenary	November II

The Chair will send a letter to President Schulz with a request to put this on the agenda of the 11 June meeting of the Conference of Presidents, for decision, and appropriate processing at Plenary level before the summer recess.

It was also agreed to hold new TAXE meetings on 23 June (full day), 7 September (evening), 17 September (morning) and 15 October (morning).

2. Chair's announcements and points for information

The following information was given to Coordinators, notably in reply to questions raised before and during the Coordinators' meeting:

- The Chair recalled that he had obtained exceptional derogations for those delegations to be organised in such a short period of time, with the representation of all groups. He confirmed that coordinators will be kept informed of any developments.
- With regard to contacts with **Ministers** not being visited during delegations, the Chair recalled the letters sent to national authorities and the deadline set for reply, i.e. the end of May (already published in the TAXE website). He reported that positive feedback had been received from a number of Ministers (FR, ES, PT, PL), either for possible visits to Brussels or to welcome TAXE representatives in their home countries. A meeting in Brussels could take place in the margins of the 13 July ECOFIN, which would be after presentation of the June Fiscal Package by the Commission.
- For the **1 June hearing**, the Chair informed Coordinators that **M. Deltour and M. Kohl** had been formally invited and that this would be a public meeting. The Chair also reported on the state of play of the invitations to multinational **companies**, in particular that some of them had rejected the Committee's invitation, with or without justifications. He reported that some other companies would therefore be invited, and clarified that the 1 June meeting slot could be complemented by another one on 23 June (see decision above). A discussion followed on the balance between American and European companies, geographical and sectorial balance and between banks and other companies. Since some multinational enterprises had declined the TAXE invitation to address the Committee, it was agreed to invite Barclays and BNP. It was also agreed that, avoiding the mentioning of

individuals, the invitations declined would be put on the TAXE website, and that press conferences could be an opportunity to refer to those refusals to speak to the Committee.

- The Chair also informed Coordinators of the state of play regarding the **meeting of 17 June with national Parliaments**. In addition to the decision mentioned above, the recent work of the French Assemblée Nationale and of the Committee on Public Accounts of the UK House of Commons were mentioned as examples. It was decided to make the exchange of views between parliamentarians the core of this half day meeting. Coordinators were called upon to ensure appropriate representation of their national parliaments.
- The Chair also informed Coordinators that the possibility of organising a video conference with the **US Congress** in July was being looked into.
- Regarding questions raised in relation to the possible invitation of **Mr Juncker**, the Chair made reference to ongoing contacts.
- It was also clarified that the authorities of **Gibraltar** had been contacted and will be requested to provide the agreed upon documentation. This request should be seen in conjunction with the meeting foreseen with their authorities on 27 May.
- Regarding the transmission of information to the Committee via the **TAXE Secretariat mailbox**, the possibility of referring to it publicly, for instance during press conferences, was being looked into.

5. Any other business

None

6. Next coordinators' meeting

Thursday 2 July - Brussels