

Europe Calling

The Triumph of Injustice

How we can end tax havens and tax dumping

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THE GREENS/EFA
in the **European Parliament**

After & Before Luxleaks

- 2007/2008: Financial Crisis
 - Bailout of banks & economic downturn
 - Need to go after the missing billions
- Luxleaks scandal in Nov 2014
 - Luxembourg as a tax haven
 - Over 300 companies including
 - Apple, Amazon, Pepsi, Ikea or Deutsche Bank
 - Game changer for the newly elected European Commission headed by Juncker



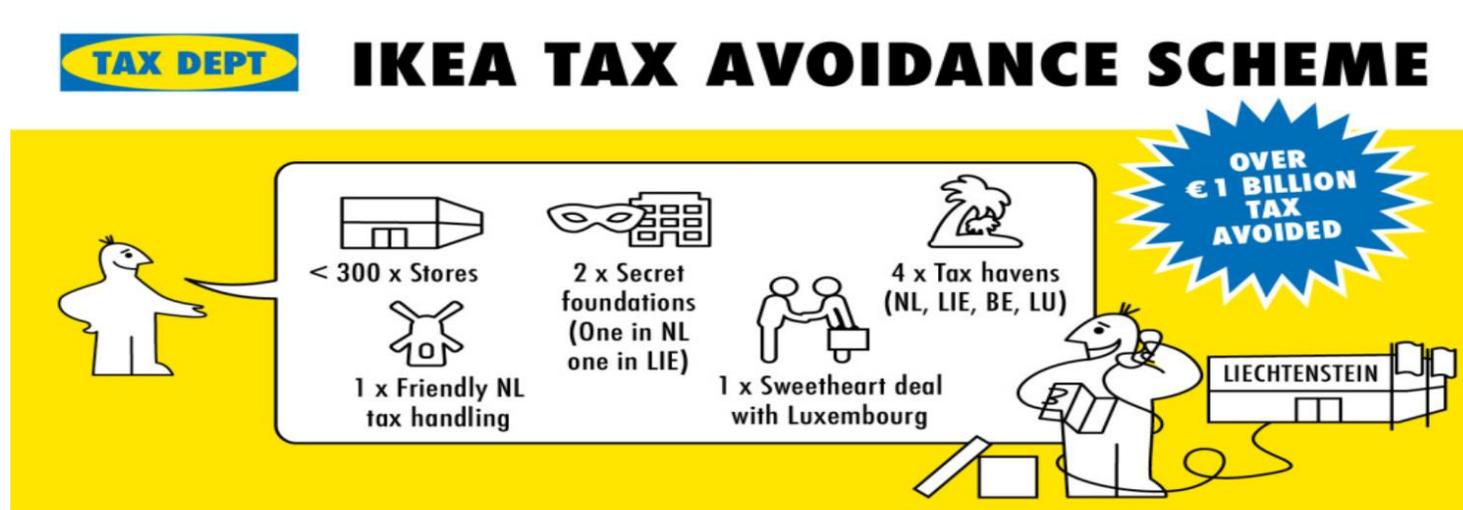
European Parliament puts pressure...

Scandals	EP responses
Luxleaks (November 2014)	2 special committees against tax rulings (February 2015 – July 2016)
Panama Papers (April 2016)	Inquiry committee against money laundering, tax evasion and tax avoidance (June 2016 – December 2017)
Paradise Papers (November 2017)	Special Committee against money laundering, tax evasion and tax avoidance (March 2018 – March 2019)

Permanent sub-committee on tax for the period 2019-2024

Progress made...

- **Automatic exchange of tax information between Member States**
 - *catching individuals hiding money offshore*
- **Cloosing tax loopholes used by some large companies**
 - *limiting as much as possible tax avoidance by companies*



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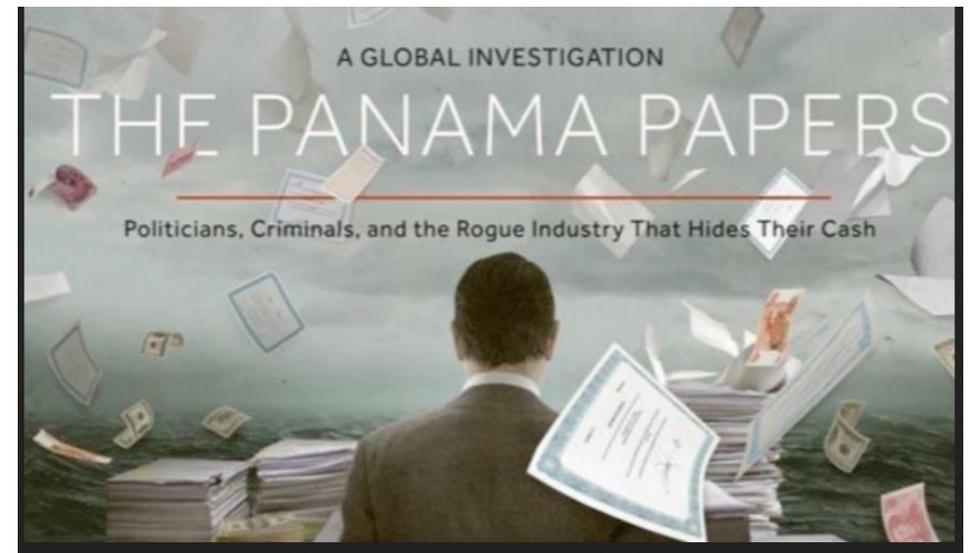
- **European blacklist of tax havens**

- *finally listing Panama and Cayman Islands (but no EU countries)*

- **Taxing the digital economy**

- *Response to Google, Apple, Facebook, Amazon and other giants not paying taxes where they have customers*

- *Work in progress at the international level (over 130 countries negotiating) with a deadline until November 2020 to find an agreement*



Progress made...

- **Fighting economic crime & money laundering**
 - *Know who really owns companies and trusts*
 - *Additional checks for politically exposed persons*
 - *Blacklisting third countries presenting high risks*
 - *Increased cooperation between Member States*
 - *Protection of whistleblowers*



... but more needs to be done

- **We need tax transparency about where large companies pay taxes**
 - *Ongoing reform but blocked by Member States (Germany is abstaining)*
- **We need a common way of taxing companies at the EU level**
 - *Ongoing discussions but blocked by Member States (especially Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta or Cyprus)*
- **We need a minimum tax rate for companies in the EU**
 - *Greens call for 20%*
- **We need to address the new forms of tax evasion/avoidance**
(e.g. golden visas, patent boxes, interest deduction, hiding behind strawmen etc...)



Caution
Work in progress