



DISCUSSION ON TAX JUSTICE: THE CORPORATE TAX IN EUROPE

A common event of the SP Brussels, sp.a elsene and SPÖ Brussels

When: 31 January 2017, 18:30

Where: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, rue du Taciturne 38, 1000 Brussels

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Conservative parties and business interests are working hard to cast the intense tax competition between countries as a normal state of affairs, organised by rules that seem to be widely accepted. “Sweet deals” given by some countries to unfairly attract companies squanders tax revenue as a shared European public good, for a mediocre and short-term benefit for the country. The LuxLeaks, Panama papers, and revelations about the undertaxation of Internet giants like Google, Amazon or Apple shine a crude light on the deeply unethical world of “tax optimisation” in Europe. Countless billions lost through undertaxation of businesses leave European governments without the money they need to overcome the economic crisis and forced to squeeze their public services.

18:30 Panel discussion

Moderated by **Uwe Optenhögel**, director of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung office, Brussels

Evelyn Regner, Member of the European Parliament, SPÖ, Austria

Country-by-country reporting to bring transparency in business taxation

Margret Kiener Nellen, Member of the Parliament, SP, Switzerland

The 3rd revision of Swiss business taxation laws

Jan Cornillie, Director Policy Unit Sp.a, Belgium

What should the EU do against fiscal dumping?

Antonio Gambini, CNCD 11.11.11, Belgium

What did the LuxLeaks and Panama Papers teach us?

19:15 World café

Audience and speakers co-create the agenda to advance the struggle to fairly tax businesses.

20:00 Apéro and informal discussions