

Subcommittee on Tax Matters
The Chair

To the Chair of the Committee(s)
in charge of taxation

Subject: Invitation to an inter-parliamentary conference (IPC) on “*EU Tax Symposium 2026: The future of taxation: inequality and growth in the global economy*”, co-hosted by the European Parliament and the European Commission, on 17 March 2026 in Brussels

Dear colleague,

Priorities in EU tax policy include the elimination of tax obstacles to cross-border economic activity and the fight against harmful tax practices, tax evasion and tax avoidance. The power to introduce, remove or adjust taxes lies in the hands of the Member States. If the EU does act in this area, the Member States decide on a Commission proposal by unanimity, while the European Parliament has the right to be consulted.

Still, the European Parliament via its Subcommittee on Tax Matters (FISC) has in the recent years taken up an important political role, influencing legislation and putting new issues on the agenda. Together with national parliaments, the European Parliament wants to continue to be an important player and represent the voice of EU citizens in the design of EU tax policy.

To better exercise this important role, **together with the EU Commissioner responsible for taxation, Wopke Hoekstra, I would like to invite all national parliaments** to a discussion on the future challenges that the EU and its Member States will be facing in the tax area in the coming years.

This inter-parliamentary conference (IPC) or “*EU Tax Symposium 2026*” is the fourth conference in the field of taxation, and it follows up the EU Tax Symposium 2025 on “*Strengthening competitiveness and fairness to build prosperity*” which was a great success, notably due to the active participation of national parliaments: 47 members from 20 Member States representing 24 Chambers were present in March 2025.

Once again, the “*EU Tax Symposium 2026*” will be co-hosted with the European Commission and it will take place on **Tuesday, 17 March 2026, from 08:00 to 19:00 (CET)** in the hemicycle of the European Parliament in Brussels, including a networking cocktail open to all participants from 18:00 onwards.

The day before, on **Monday, 16 March**, there will be an afternoon session of workshops organised by the Commission followed by a **gala dinner** (for Members only), starting with a reception from 18:30 (CET) onwards in Autowold and the Royal Museum of Fine Arts (Cinquantenaire Park) respectively, should you be able to attend.

This event will bring together representatives of the European and national parliaments as well as high-level representatives of the Commission and the Council of the European Union, tax experts, academics and stakeholders.

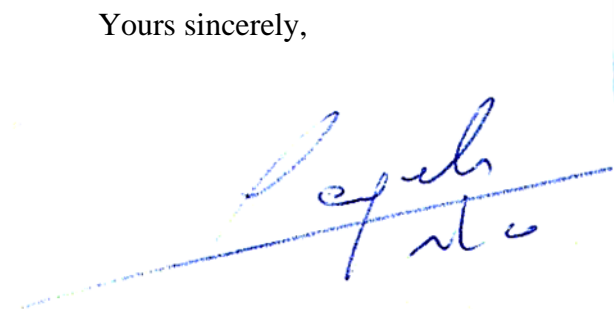
This year, we have the honour to welcome **two Nobel Prize laureates in economics**, Prof. **Joseph Stiglitz** (Nominated in 2001) and Prof. **Philippe Aghion** (nominated in 2025).

As you may see in the enclosed draft programme, besides the conversation with the two Nobel Prize winners presented by the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, the programme includes additional high-level keynote speeches and four thematical panel discussions on the role of taxation in contributing to fairness and growth. A lively exchange of views with the audience will take place in each panel.

The Subcommittee on Tax Matters is convinced that this event will provide an opportunity to learn from each other, to raise awareness about common challenges and to share ideas on how to strengthen competitiveness and fairness in the EU.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept our invitation. We are looking forward to welcoming you to this IPC on 16 March evening for the gala dinner and/or on 17 March 2025 for the main conference.

Yours sincerely,



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FISC Chair

Annex: Draft programme of the 'EU Tax Symposium 2026' conference.

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