

# GREENS/EFA FIGHT FOR TAX JUSTICE

## TAX PLAN (2019-2024)



Without Tax Justice we cannot build a more equal society: when wealthy individuals or large companies do not pay their fair share the rest of us have to pay more, while the public services we depend on are cut to the bone. We can no longer tolerate European tax havens that are blocking the progress towards social justice.

As a Member of the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament, I pledge to fight for tax justice and against money laundering and I commit to do everything I can to achieve these aims in the next five years:



- 1 Eradicate the dirty money that funds criminality in Europe:** we can no longer tolerate money-laundering and we need stronger European rules and tools, like a European financial police force, to stop dirty money;
- 2 Adopt an EU-wide action plan to tax the super-rich:** wealthy individuals currently benefit from tax exemptions in several European countries leaving the others to pay the bill. Tax must and can be used as a tool to tackle inequality;
- 3 End golden visas and the purchasable citizenship:** it is an outrage that wealthy non-Europeans can simply purchase European citizenship, while often using the proceeds of crime;
- 4 Regulate tax advisers:** at the heart of every scandal, the intermediaries are key in helping their clients to circumvent the rules. We need better laws to ensure that tax advisers cannot interfere in the legislation process and then advise clients how to evade the law;
- 5 Crystal clear transparency on how much tax companies pay and where:** we must know where large companies register their profits and pay taxes to ensure they pay their fair share and cannot avoid taxation by profit shifting;
- 6 Make large companies pay their fair share:** European countries are competing against each other to attract large companies, leading to a race to the bottom and reduced corporate tax rates. We support a minimum effective tax rate for companies across the European Union;



“ Over **530,000** people signed our petition calling on the European Union to shut down shell companies and sanction the banks after the Panama Papers scandal (April 2016) ”

**7 Sanction the tax cheats:** we need a stronger list of tax havens and stricter criteria to decide which countries are on the list. We will ensure that no EU money goes to countries or companies involved in tax evasion, tax avoidance or money laundering;

**8 Modernise the tax system for the fair taxation of the digital economy:** the way to do business is changing as more companies go digital. This creates challenges in tracking where digital companies should pay taxes. A corporate tax system fit for the 21st century is urgently needed;

**9 Prioritise sustainable tax policy to tackle the climate emergency:** using the tax system to incentivise the sustainability transition is now an urgent priority. We will push for a Union-wide carbon tax and much heavier taxes on aviation as well as the most polluting means of transport;

**10 The end of unanimity decision making on tax matters:** As some EU member states block tax progress they are breaking the social contract and feeding the rise of the far right. The European Parliament should have more power to decide key tax laws and the option to veto by individual countries should be abolished. The current arrangement whereby all 28 Member States are required to agree unanimously is halting progress and we should encourage a coalition of the willing to move forward if they want to.

