CONTEXT:

In recent years there has been a vocal consensus among policy makers, civil society and the wider public towards more responsible tax behaviour. Taxation is a key tool for generating the resources necessary to manage collectively societal challenges in the areas of social inclusion, quality health, education justice and security.

There are clear expectations to stop aggressive tax planning by some companies which also creates unfair competition with other companies that are paying their fair share of taxes. In addition, the recent Panama Papers revelations as well as the 2014 LuxLeaks scandal have contributed to increase the public attention on this topic.

This is part of a wider trend towards a fairer tax system started in 2014 at global level with the launch of the OECD/G20 BEPS Project to tackle multinational companies’ tax avoidance strategies. Since 2015, the European Commission has also sped up its work on tax issues publishing three comprehensive legislative packages in less than one year.

As the leading Business Network on Corporate Social Responsibility, CSR Europe is organizing an expert roundtable on corporate tax transparency as a means towards responsible tax behavior.

OBJECTIVES:

By bringing together companies, key stakeholders from the EU institutions and civil society representatives to share knowledge and intelligence on tax transparency, this Roundtable aims at achieving a three-fold objective:

- Support companies to move from tax transparency towards responsible tax behaviour.
- Prepare companies for the new EU legislation on Country-by-Country Reporting to tax authorities (already adopted) and to the public (currently under discussion).
- Identify further actions needed to address companies’ challenges in this field.

TARGETED AUDIENCE:

- Corporate Tax managers
- Corporate CSR Managers
- EU policy makers & International Organizations
- Civil society representatives.

FEES:

- EU, civil society, CSR Europe’s members: FREE
- Non-members companies: 650 EUR
**CHATHAM HOUSE RULE:**

To enable each participant to get full benefit from this roundtable and contribute through its questions, experience and challenges, the meeting will be conducted under Chatham House rule.

Please note that when a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

**DRAFT AGENDA**

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| **13:15-14:00** | **1st Panel Discussion: What is at stake?** | • Caroline Malcolm, Senior Counsellor, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD  
  • Radhika Sarin, Policy Adviser, Oxfam UK  
  • Reinout van Gelder, VP Tax Operations & Unilever NV, Unilever  
  • Jose Luis Migoya Vargas, Director International Taxation, Iberdrola |
|             | Linking CSR and tax behaviour                                           |                                                                        |
|             | + open debate with participants                                        |                                                                        |
| **14:00-14:45** | **2nd Panel Discussion: Preparing companies to comply with the letter and the spirit of the new EU requirements on tax transparency.** | • Reinhard Biebel, Head of Sector Corporate Tax Transparency, DG TAXUD, European Commission  
  • Jean-Philippe Rabine, Policy Officer, Accounting and financial reporting, DG FISMA, European Commission  
  • Andy Cale, Head of Financial Reporting, Vodafone  
  • Finn Lexow, Senior Vice President for Tax, Statoil  
  • Iker Isusi Apraiz, Director of Policies, Control and Global Business Organization Tax Department, BBVA |
|             | + open debate with participants                                        |                                                                        |
| **14:45-15:45** | **Breakout session: Sharing experiences and identifying needs to progress on responsible tax behaviour.** | Participants will be divided in three smaller groups which will be facilitated by:  
  • Justine Harris, Head of Corporate Transparency & Stakeholder Engagement, Vodafone  
  • Emily Kenway, Programme Director, Fair Tax Mark |
|             | Guiding questions:                                                      |                                                                        |
|             | • Which are the main challenges faced by your company to improve its tax behaviour? |                                                                        |
|             | • Which are the most urgent actions needed to address these challenges? |                                                                        |
| 15:45-16:00 | Report back from breakout groups                                       | Moderator per table                                                    |
| 16:00-16:15 | Wrap-up and next steps                                                 | CSR Europe                                                             |

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We look forward to your participation!