

Chancellor Christian Kern
Bundeskanzleramt
Ballhausplatz 2
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Vienna, 21th March 2017

Dear Chancellor Kern,

Financing the Future - Working Together

We, the undersigned, coalitions of civil society organisations and trade unions representing millions of European citizens campaigning for the Financial Transactions Tax (FTT), write to you on the anniversary of the Treaty of Rome as you meet to discuss the future of the European Union.

Today, the EU finds itself in multiple crises. Increasing inequality and the unmet expectations of citizens are being translated into a rise of national populism. Of all moments, this is the time to listen to the voices of the people. Recently, more than a million signatures testify to the popularity of taxing the finance industry more as a fair way for a sector that is a clear winner of globalisation to give back to those that have been left behind. As leader of one of the countries negotiating the FTT, we say to you we have had enough of delays, every day the FTT is not agreed costs jobs in the EU and lives abroad.

We urge you to redouble your efforts with fellow *Enhanced Cooperation* countries to complete negotiations at the earliest possible time, to:

- Implement an ambitious FTT, which will raise at least €22 billion a year
- Reach agreement of the final FTT legislation by Summer 2017
- Allocate a significant proportion of forthcoming FTT revenue beyond protecting jobs and public services in Europe to help combat poverty, Pandemics and climate change in the wider world

Grand words are not enough, please deliver the FTT now.

Yours sincerely,

NATIONAL FTT COALITIONS/ ORGANISATIONS from Member States participating in the Enhanced Cooperation Procedure to implement the Financial Transactions Tax

- 1. Austria:** On behalf of a coalition of **127 civil society organisations:**
 - Heinz Hödl – Director, KOO-Coordination Office of the Austrian Bishop’s Conference for Development and Mission*
 - Annelies Vilim – Director Global Responsibility, Austrian Platform for Development and Humanitarian Aid*
 - Alexandra Strickner – Chairperson ATTAC Austria*

- 2. Belgium:** On behalf of a coalition of **150 civil society organisations and over 25,000 volunteers:**
 - Arnaud Zacharie – General Secretary, CNCD-11.11.11*
 - Bogdan Vanden Berghe – Director, 11.11.11*

- 3. France:** On behalf of **French NGOs and citizens supporting the French Robin Hood Tax Campaign:**
 - Hakima Himmich – President, Coalition PLUS*

- 4. Germany:** On behalf of the ‘**Steuer gegen Armut**’ campaign supported by **100 civil society organisations:**
 - Detlev v. Larcher – Member of Attac Germany*
 - Alfred Eibel – Steering Committee, Attac Germany*

- 5. Greece:** On behalf of an individual organisation:
 - Dr. George Dramas – Member of the Executive Committee, Attac Hellas - representing 50 members*

- 6. Italy:** On behalf of the **Italian FTT coalition of 60 organisations:**
 - Leonardo Becchetti – Spokesperson, ZeroZeroCinque*

- 7. Portugal:** On behalf of the **Portuguese Platform of 61 Development NGOs:**
 - Pedro Krupenski – Chair of the Board, Plataforma Portuguesa das ONGD*

- 8. Slovenia:** On behalf of individual organisations:
 - Maruša Babnik – Coordinator of Tax Justice projects, Ekvilib Institute*
 - Albin Keuc – Director of SLOGA NGO Platform for Development, Global Education and Humanitarian Aid*
 - Ajda Pistotnik – Researcher and Project Manager, EnaBanda*
 - Lidija Živčič – Expert of Focus, Association for Sustainable Development*

- 9. Spain:** On behalf of **La Plataforma ITF ¡YA!, Paraísos fiscales ¡NO! Supported by 14 CSOs + La Alianza Española por la Tasa Robin Hood, supported by 11 CSOs + Plataforma Justicia Fiscal supported by 10 organisations, including three platforms:**
 - Ricardo García Zaldívar – Spokesperson, Attac España*
 - Vanessa López – Executive Director, Salud por Derecho*
 - Miguel Gorospe – Coordinator, Campaña Justicia Fiscal*

EUROPEAN ORGANISATIONS/ NETWORKS supporting achievement of the FTT by 10 Member States

1. Action For Global Health (AfGH) – a European CSO network representing over 50 NGO members and national health platforms in 6 European countries and the EU

Abigail Rowlands, UK Coordinator

2. Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe – representing 130 member organisations, in over 30 European countries

Wendel Trio, Director

3. CIDSE – representing 17 Catholic Development organisations in Europe and North America

Bernd Nilles, Secretary-General

4. European Anti-Poverty Network – representing more than 6,000 civil society organisations across Europe

Leo Williams, Director

5. European ATTAC Network (EAN) – representing 20 organizations in 20 countries

Hugo Braun, member of the European steering group

6. European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU) – representing 8 million European workers in public services

Jan Willem Goudriaan, General Secretary

7. European Trade Union Congress (ETUC) – representing 45 million members of 89 trade union organisations in 39 European countries, and 10 European Trade Union Federations

Luca Visentini, General Secretary

8. Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN) – a network that brings together over 250 organisations from over 70 countries supporting global health

Peter van Rooijen, GFAN Secretariat

9. International HIV/AIDS Alliance – an advocacy partnership active in Brussels, Geneva and Washington D.C. between the International HIV/AIDS Alliance (UK) and Aids Fonds (Netherlands)

Marielle Hart, Head of Policy

10. Oxfam International – an international confederation of 18 non-governmental organisations working with partners in over 90 countries to end the injustices that cause poverty www.oxfam.org

Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director

11. Public Services International (PSI) – representing 20 million members of 669 unions in 154 countries and territories.

Rosa Pavanelli, General Secretary