



# External Strategy for Effective Taxation



# External Strategy: Rationale

More effective response to external base erosion threats.

More unified stance on global tax issues, to protect EU competitiveness.

More joined-up link between EU tax policy and other policy priorities.

More clarity for third countries - more legal certainty for businesses.





# Developing Countries: Next Steps

## Commission:

- Technical and Financial Support: "Collect More, Spend Better"
- Promote Inclusive Framework with MSs at OECD

## Platform:

- Launch discussion on Spill-overs and Tax Treaties (summer 2016).

## Council:

- ECOFIN Conclusions (summer 2016)



# Common EU list: Process

## COMMUNICATION ON EXTERNAL STRATEGY

### HOW WILL THE NEW LISTING PROCESS WORK?



**STEP 1**

Commission identifies a set of third countries that may need to be screened using a neutral scoreboard of indicators.



**STEP 2**

Member States decide which of those third countries should be screened.  
Constructive dialogue takes place with those countries selected for screening.



**STEP 3**

Commission recommends which countries should be listed. Member States take the final decision.  
As soon as the third country meets jointly agreed standards, it is de-listed.



# Common EU list: Next Steps

## Commission:

- First Scoreboard results (June 2016)
- Presentation of results to Code Group (autumn 2016)
- Ongoing discussions with OECD and third countries to promote understanding of new approach

## Council:

- ECOFIN conclusions to endorse approach (summer 2016)
- Code Sub-Group to decide third countries to screen (end 2016)





# Pan EU list: Next Steps

## Commission:

- Analyse questionnaire data on MSs' listing processes
- Formally update pan-EU list in online map (end of 2016)

## Platform:

- Provide input data for update of the pan-EU list





# Good Governance Clauses: Rationale

Previous Council discussions on need to update the clause.

Experience in negotiations – more flexible and tailor-made approach needed.

Core elements drawn from new good governance standards.

Anti-money laundering element included.





# Good Governance Clauses: Next Steps

## Commission:

- Proposal with specific wording for clause (summer 2016)

## Council:

- Political endorsement of new wording and approach (end 2016)







# Financial Regulation

## Commission

- Revision of Article 140 as part of review of Financial Regulation
- Proposal to Council on Financial Regulation (summer 2016)

## Council

Adoption of revised Financial Regulation

