



## **FACTI Panel briefing with Southern European think tanks**

### *New proposals to foster financial integrity and achieve the 2030 Agenda*

Date: 23 March 2021, 16:00 – 17:30 (CET)

Virtual meeting via Webex / Registration is required\*

#### **Background**

Tax fraud and tax evasion, money laundering and corruption-related offences have overwhelming impacts on economic inequality, social justice and the rule of law. As countries address the need to adapt tax systems to the digital economy, the outburst of the Covid-19 pandemic has further laid bare the extent to which it is crucial to prevent and disrupt harmful practices, and to multiply efforts in order to achieve a sound recovery and to meet the Sustainable Development Goals.

In its recently published report, the UN High Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity (FACTI Panel) articulates 14 progressive and feasible recommendations as a blueprint to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The recommendations address issues such as the taxation of the digital economy, cooperation on tax matters, beneficial ownership transparency, deterring money laundering and fostering asset recovery. Ultimately, the Panel's recommendations will succeed if they are endorsed and implemented by national governments, multilateral institutions and all stakeholders in a spirit of enhanced accountability and more cooperation at all levels.

#### **Objectives**

Following the publication of its final report, the FACTI Panel would like to present its work to policy experts and analysts from think tanks and research centers in Southern Europe and discuss pathways to introduce the perspective and proposals of this UN initiative into national agendas.

The Panel will also seek the views of the speakers and the participants as to the priority actions to gain political momentum for promoting its recommendations on financial accountability, transparency and integrity in order to achieve the 2030 Agenda.



## Programme

*Opening (5 min)*

FACTI Panel Secretariat

*Presentation of the FACTI Panel's report and recommendations (15 min)*

**Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul**, FACTI Panel Member

*Panel discussion segment with invited speakers (40 min)*

*Topic 1: Enhancing financial integrity and the well-being of societies*

**Aitor Pérez**, Senior Research Fellow, Real Instituto Elcano

**Susana Coroado**, Research Fellow, Institute of Social Sciences - University of Lisbon and Chair of Transparencia e Integridade (TI Portugal)

**Dimitrios N. Koufopoulos**, Founder of the Hellenic Observatory of Corporate Governance (HO CG) and Director of University of London MBA Programmes

**Akshay Mathur**, Co-Chair of the task force on International Finance of the T20

*Topic 2: New architecture for tax transparency and cooperation*

**Susana Peralta**, Deputy Chairwoman, Institute of Public Policy- Lisbon and professor at Nova School of Business and Economics

**Miguel Otero-Iglesias**, Senior Analyst, Real Instituto Elcano and Professor at IE School of Global and Public Affairs

*Open discussion with participants (20min)*

*Closing remarks (5 min)*

**Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul**, FACTI Panel Member