

# CURBING FINANCIAL CRIMES IN EUROPE WITH BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY

## Tentative Agenda

09:00 – 10:00

Participant registration

10:00 – 10:30

Welcome addresses / Keynotes

Delivered by: **Ms Alexandra Jour-Schroeder**, European Commission, DG FISMA

The motivations behind CSABOT, the purpose of the project and the expected outcomes of the event.

Delivered by: **Delia Ferreira Rubio**, Transparency International

The role of civil society organisations in advancing beneficial ownership transparency: challenges and opportunities.

10:30 – 11:00

Show & Tell – What have we learned from CSABOT on the status of BOT in Europe?

During the last year, we discussed progress and challenges in beneficial ownership transparency with hundreds of stakeholders from civil society, the public and private sectors across 15 EU Member States. What have we learned during the implementation of the CSABOT project and what is the way forward?

Presenters: **Raluca Pruna**, European Commission, DG FISMA

**Maira Martini**, Transparency International

**Viktorii Poltoratskaia**, Governance Transparency Institute

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 – 13:00

Expert Panel 1 - The state of beneficial ownership transparency in the EU: challenges and best practices

Almost three years after the deadline for EU Member States to establish central beneficial ownership registers, the panel will discuss concrete implementation challenges, how to overcome them and recommendations to improve beneficial ownership registers across the EU.

Moderator: **Lucas Millán**, Tax Justice Network

Setting the scene: key findings of NEBOT papers on definition, status of beneficial ownership across Europe and quality and verification.

Panellist 1: **Michael Levi**, Cardiff University

Turning evidence into policy recommendations – how to act on the findings of NEBOT papers.

Panellist 2: **Yves Gonner**, Luxembourg Business Register

Learnings from early adopters and the reform of the beneficial ownership register in Luxembourg.

Panellist 3: **Ramona Strugariu**, European Parliament

AML Package and how it addresses the issues identified during the implementation of the project.

Panellist 4: **Representative from Accountancy Europe**

The role of the private sector and challenges in effectively using beneficial ownership registers.

Panellist 5: **Raluca Pruna**, European Commission, DG FISMA

The current state of beneficial ownership in the European Union and the AML package.

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch break

## CSABOT

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14:00 – 15:30

**Expert Panel 2 - How can beneficial ownership registers effectively advance the fight against money laundering and financial crime? Understanding stories of impact.**

This session will show how different stakeholders from civil society, the public and private sectors have used beneficial ownership information and reflect on underlying challenges for the effective use of beneficial ownership information.

**Moderator:** Louise Russell-Prywata, Open Ownership

Setting the scene: key findings of NEBOT papers on definition, status of beneficial ownership across Europe and quality and verification.

**Panellist 1:** Sara Brimbeuf, Transparency International France

Learnings from the French beneficial ownership register – from better understanding of risks to detecting suspicious assets ownership.

**Panellist 2:** Guna Paidere, Enterprises Register of Latvia

Bringing more transparency to Latvian and European businesses – the impact of the open Latvian register so far.

**Panellist 3:** Micael Pereira, Journalist, Expresso / International Consortium of Investigative Journalists

Advancing cross-border investigations – how beneficial ownership registers help to uncover shady deals.

**Panellist 4:** Frederik Fabricius Smitt, Danish Financial Intelligence Unit

Using beneficial ownership and company data to improve intelligence gathering

**Panellist 5:** Andrej Leontiev, Taylor Wessing Slovakia

The Slovak case – stories of impact.

15:30 – 15:45

Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:15

**Expert Panel 3 - The potential of beneficial ownership transparency**

Building on the examples discussed earlier, this session will further discuss the power of beneficial ownership data when combined with other datasets, showing concrete examples of how to advance the use of the data across the EU.

**Moderator:** Michele Riccardi, Transcrime-UCSC

Setting the scene: key findings of NEBOT papers on linking beneficial ownership data and beneficial owners of European companies.

**Panellist 1:** Roland Papp, Transparency International EU

Towards an EU asset register – how beneficial ownership data of companies and assets can improve transparency and accountability.

**Panellist 2:** Anja Lamp Vrang, Danish Business Authority

Experience from the BORIS project: Interconnecting BO data: expectations and challenges.

**Panellist 3:** Marcus Pleyer, Germany's Federal Ministry of Finance

The potential of the revised FATF Recommendation 24 and Germany's Transparency Register and planned changes to increase transparency in asset ownership across Germany.

**Panellist 4:** Representative from Freeze and Seize Task Force

BO registers and asset ownership in the context of accountability measures following the invasion of Ukraine.

**Panellist 5:** Kira Marie Peter-Hansen, European Parliament

AML Package and proposals to increase asset ownership information and the interconnection of data.

17:15 – 17:45

**Closing session : Future outlook bey**

Transparency International + Tax Justice Network + Transcrime-UCSC + Government Transparency Institute  
Closing remarks by Daniel Eriksson, Transparency International

17:45 – 18:30

**Farewell drinks & casual networking**

**CSABOT**

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Civil Society Advancing Beneficial Ownership Transparency (CSABOT) is a project that implements the "Preparatory action – Capacity building programmatic development and communication in the context of the fight against money laundering and financial crimes". This project is performed by Transparency International Secretariat (TI-S), together with Tax Justice Network (TJN), Transcrime – Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Transcrime – UCSC) and the Government Transparency Institute (GTI), under a contract with the European Union represented by the European Commission.

