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What could be a major step in tackling tax planning schemes is in reality only likely to become a minor improvement. The right-wing groups in the European Parliament may block the proposed obligation for public disclosure of the country-by-country reporting as well as the proposed increase in the number of multinational enterprises (MNEs) that are obliged to file the reports. Nevertheless, we know that even if these were approved, they wouldn’t prevent the MNE groups from engaging in profit shifting and base erosion schemes. Only the end of the free movement of capital, the public control of the financial system and pro-worker governments can be effective in fighting these.

**Preventing and combating trafficking in human beings**  Malin Björk, Sweden

Trafficking in human beings is a lucrative trade in Europe and worldwide. Although there are different forms of trafficking, the most dominant form in Europe is trafficking in women and girls into the sex industry, where they are used and abused by pimps and sex buyers. All measures to combat trafficking in human beings must be victim-centred with a strong gender dimension. An important step would be for people working in prostitution to be decriminalised in all EU countries and for the focus to be shifted onto punishing procurers (eg. pimps) and buyers who fuel the trafficking industry.