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### 1. EU Council lawyers question legality of EP Panama Committee

On 8 August 2016, press reported that EU Council lawyers have produced a non-public opinion criticising that the legal basis for setting up the European Parliament's "Panama" investigatory Committee has not been clearly defined, and that member states, when applying their own tax laws, are not accountable to the European Parliament. Reportedly, the document which is not an official Council opinion states that member states are not obliged to co-operate with the PANA Committee and could even challenge the Parliament's decision to set up the Committee.

- Der Spiegel Article, 8 August 2016: [DE](#)

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