

## The July Tax Justice Network Taxcast

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### **In the July 2018 Tax Justice Network Taxcast:**

- \* We look at a proposal for a firewall to protect EU citizens from the Big Four accountancy firms and the tax avoidance lobby: we look at a [\*\*new report from the Corporate Europe Observatory\*\*](#)
- \* **We discuss UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights Professor Philip Alston's announced visit to the UK to look at austerity and the human rights consequences: his report on the US was hard-hitting and controversial. What will he make of the UK? And;**
- \* **We look at Transparency's 2018 think tank funding transparency rankings and talk about how opacity is the name of the game for many of the 'free market' lobby groups pushing for Brexit, deregulation, privatisation and tax havenry, such as the Institute for Economic Affairs.**

**Featuring: [Vicky Cann](#) of the [Corporate Europe Observatory](#), [John Christensen](#) of the Tax Justice Network. Produced and presented by [Naomi Fowler](#).**

***EU tax policy makers should be protected from the vested interests of the tax avoidance industry. What we want to see is a real change of culture at the EU level and at member state level as well which stops seeing the Big 4 as legitimate, trusted, neutral partners when it comes to stamping out tax avoidance.”***

Vicky Cann, Corporate Europe Observatory

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