



**FORUM ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, COUNTERFEIT, CONTRABAND & ORGANISED CRIME**

**Breakfast Roundtable Debate**

**Wednesday, 25 March 2015, 8:00 to 9:30 hrs**

Room: Restaurant des Députés, Salon Privé

European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels

A small Breakfast will be served

**“Is the EU winning the fight against the black market?”**

**“Free Trade Zones”**

Free Trade Zones provide opportunities for legitimate business and play a key role in global trade. National governments have found that offering limited taxes and reduced oversight in Free Trade Zones can drive economic growth and facilitate trade and investment. However, criminal actors can take advantages of this situation. The 2010 OECD report on Money Laundering Vulnerabilities of Free Trade Zones delineates these abuses to include participation in an organized criminal group and racketeering and illicit trafficking.

**Introduction:**

- **Ingeborg GRÄSSLE MEP, Chairwoman of the Committee on Budgetary Control**

**Speakers:**

- **Alexandra ILIOPOULOU, Policy and Legal Adviser, Business Action to Stop Counterfeiting and Piracy (BASCAP)**
- **Maria-Manuela CABRAL, Head of Unit, Risk Management and Security, DG Taxud**
- **Howard PUGH, EUROPOL**

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