



# **Tax Evasion**

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# Tax evasion and avoidance

How does it work and its consequences



# **Consequence - Tax gap in our countries**

### **Tax evasion**







GDP

2937.5 bn

1810.2 bn \$

67.8 bn

TAX REVENUE(%GDP) 46.7%

28.0%

35.7%

TAX GAP ESTIMATE

123.9 bn \$

33 bn \$

3.6 bn \$

### **Kinds of evasion**



Underreportin g



**Underpayment** 



**Money laundering** 



**Offshore accounts** 



# Money laundering and Offshore accounts







Placing dirty money into the financial system



Transfering the money to hide its origin



Returning the money to the economy

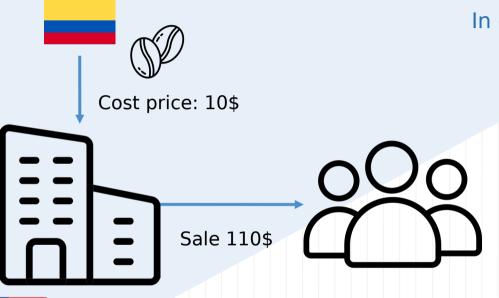
### 10 main tax havens around the world





### Tax avoidance

In comparison to evasion it is legal



Customers

Tax Base: 110 - 10 = 100\$
Corporation Tax: 100\*40%=40\$

Tax rate: 40%

Company A



TAX HAVEN

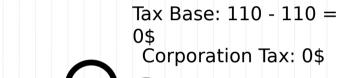
Company B(own by A)

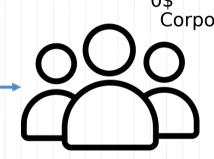
Cost price: 10\$

Sale 110\$

#### Tax avoidance

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Sale 110\$

Company A

Customers



### **ESSCA-Land**

Location and its (f)laws



#### Location

ESSCA-Land is located in **Switzerland** 

The same population size applies (9 Million)





## **ESSCA-Land's political** situation

ESSCA-Land is **NOT** part of the EU - capital transfer



The GDP (813 bn \$) and the economy resemble Switzerland

Part of Schengen and European Free Trade Association but uses the ESSCA Dollar (\$) (Exchange rate is 1,1 to Euro)

Big banking sector and Tertiary Sector of the economy - MEDC







# ESSCA-Land Strategy

How we prevent tax evasion in ESSCA-Land



# Understanding the Problem - ESSCA-Land





Where more is consumed more has to be paid

But the tax for firms in ESSCA-Land is relatively low anyway (17% CT)





# **ESSCA-Land taxes in general**

VAT is 17% - lowest in Europe together with Luxemburg

Income tax is progressive - Max rate of 30% when earnings exceed 80.000 \$ Lowest rate is 20% when income is less than 50.000\$

Duty on tobacco is extremely high - Every tobacco product is taxed to reach 12\$

Alcohol duty is lower, due to cultural and economic reasons - .25 \$

Fuel duty is capped to 1,5\$ for diesel and 1,7\$ for petrol, but can progress in coming years



### The effects

What are the effects of our introduced strategy



## **ESSCA-Land strategy effects**

Max rate of 30% when earnings exceed 80.000 \$ is relatively low, due to the fact that ESSCA Land is a high income country - Tax allowance per person is 20.000\$

This should prevent people from evading taxes, as well as the flat tax beginning at 80.000\$ to incentivize higher incomes

The low VAT is implemented, because a higher consumption of goods is expected if the VAT is lower, so the percentual difference is compensated by the amount of goods consumed



## **ESSCA-Land strategy effects**

The problem of ESSCA-Land will be the duty on tobacco

High taxes means the danger of people buying tobacco in foreign countries

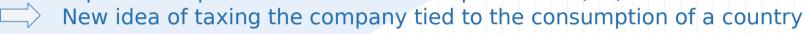
BUT: no close tobacco havens nearby - neighboring countries are expensive as well except Italy with around 5 Euros per package of cigarettes

Duty on fuel will be observed closely in the future, also as an tool to meet the Paris Climate Agreement goals, but due to small Population we are not emitting too much



# **ESSCA-Land strategy effects**

Most important implemented tax is the Corporate Tax (CT)



The more is consumed of the companies product or service in ESSCA-Land the more the company has to pay taxes

But the tax rate in general is moderate, this should prevent countries from establishing letter boxes in tax havens like Luxemburg, which is very close to us

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