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MEP Roberto Gualtieri,
Chair of the ECON Committee,

Caro Roberto,

Brussels, 30 January 2019

I am sharing with you a letter that I have sent to several Commissioners, with EBA, ECB, OLAF and the Court of Auditors in cc. The letter concerns the most recent scandal shocking Portuguese public opinion, with banks “Caixa Geral de Depósitos” and “Novo Banco” (former BES) refusing to reveal to the national parliament who are their largest debtors, responsible for huge NPLs. So far, most major debtors have not repaid debts neither been prosecuted, nor been compelled in any way to pay back.

Also, no attempt has been made by the State to recover massive losses resulting from the collapse of BES/BESA and from the so-called “Tax Blackout”, through which billions of euros have fled into offshore jurisdictions without any tax or anti-money laundering controls in the years 2011-2015.

All of this while the Portuguese taxpayers continue enduring pay cuts, low wages, huge taxes, and underfunded public services, to pay for the bailout of banks robbed by big crooks.

I stress the responsibility of the EU in all this financial-sector cleaning process, in particular given the fact that both ECB and the European Commission integrated the Troika.

I therefore ask you:

1. To send this letter, formally, in your capacity as ECON chair, to the President of ECB.
2. To share this letter with all members of ECON.
3. To take it up in the next evaluation of Portugal in the context of the European Semester.

Cordiali saluti

Ana Gomes,

Member of the European Parliament

