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European Parliament (PETI) - Chair

Cc: EU FATCA Petitioners

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Dear Ms Talus and Ms Montserrat

FATCA | Lessons from today's Assange hearing

Today, Julian Assange gave a [chilling account before the Council of Europe](#) of his encounter with extraterritorial US laws. He described the role played by foreign countries as part of a "lawfare".



Julian Assange talking today about the "extraordinary deference to the United States" and nations "engaging in astonishing intellectual backflips to allow the US to have it its way". **The European Parliament said the same in relation to FATCA**



European Parliament resolution on FATCA:

"EU institutions put the relations with the US before the interests of EU citizens [through] the insufficient level of enforcement of the GDPR [and] the absence of meaningful decisions and corrective measures [by] the EDPB" ([here](#)).

As in Mr Assange's account of his case, the EDPB has been engaging in astonishing intellectual backflips to [defend](#) its lack of intervention, notwithstanding clear evidence of lack of coordinated enforcement of the GDPR throughout the EU, which is at the heart of the EDPB's role under [Art. 70](#) GDPR.

The [EU FATCA petitioners](#) recall their [Joint Statement](#) and ask the PETI and the EDPB to reflect on Mr Assange's lessons and to break the deadlock on FATCA, with a clear intervention by the EDPB to discharge its duties, a task made more urgent by recent [CJEU case law](#).

Best regards,

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