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To all EPSU affiliates

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Dear colleagues,

We pay. You pay. They don't.

We at EPSU have been asking a simple question: **which major company is making money from public contracts while paying little to no corporate tax in Europe?**

Now we can reveal the answer: **Palantir.**

The CICTAR report, supported by EPSU and affiliates, outlines the **profit shifting and stock based compensation tactics** that allow the company to avoid contributing to the public services and national security that they build their profit off.

The report estimates a **€12 million gap** between the tax Palantir pays in Europe and what it could have paid without shifting profits to the US.

The report examines:

- how Palantir transfers European profits to the US, where it currently pays no federal corporate income tax;
- how stock-based compensation can generate substantial corporate tax deductions;
- the company's growing pursuit of public contracts in Europe;
- what governments and EU institutions can do to stop tax-avoiding companies benefiting from public money.

Click HERE to read the report and press release

We would be pleased if you could cover this report or the EPSU Press release on your website, facebook or other social media. It is important that we reach many workers to underline that companies who do not pay their taxes, should not benefit from public contracts. It is part of the work EPSU does to ensure public funding is tied to social (signing a collective agreement), environmental (do no harm) and tax conditionalities.

For further information and **to get the one-page briefing on main findings** of the report contact: Can Kaya, EPSU Communication Officer – ckaya@epsu.org

In Solidarity,

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