

Dear Cavling Committee

Regarding the Danish Association of Journalists' Cavling Award I'd like to recommend Matias Seidelin from Jyllands-Posten and Mads Nilsson, Troels Kingo Larsen and Bo Elkjaer from DR for their stories linking VAT fraud to terror funding.

I've been working with them for a Dutch TV documentary on this topic and they provided me with their research which was conducted for several publications in Denmark.

The research was of a very high level, thorough and complete. Not only did they manage to obtain a vast amount of crucial data, they also succeeded in analyzing hidden fraud schemes and highly technological money transfer systems. This information was combined with in depth research on jihadists networks.

We used this investigation and combined it with information on Dutch fraudsters for a documentary called "Frauderen voor de jihad", aired on Dutch Public TV, Channel 2. As a result of this collaboration Bo Elkjaer and I were invited to Brussels by the European Commissioner for Tax Affairs Moscovici to explain the issue last Spring. Our documentaries were screened on a special film night in September organized by the European Commission and attended by MEPs, tax experts, journalists and Mr. Moscovici. This is to show the Danish investigation definitely had great impact.

Best regards,

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