

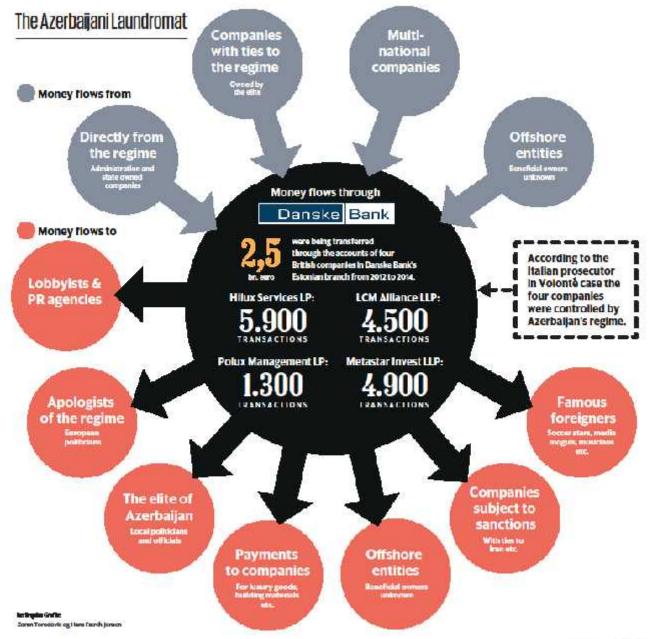
THE AZERBAIJANI LAUNDROMAT

PANA Committee - Public Hearing

28 November 2017 - European Parliament – Brussels

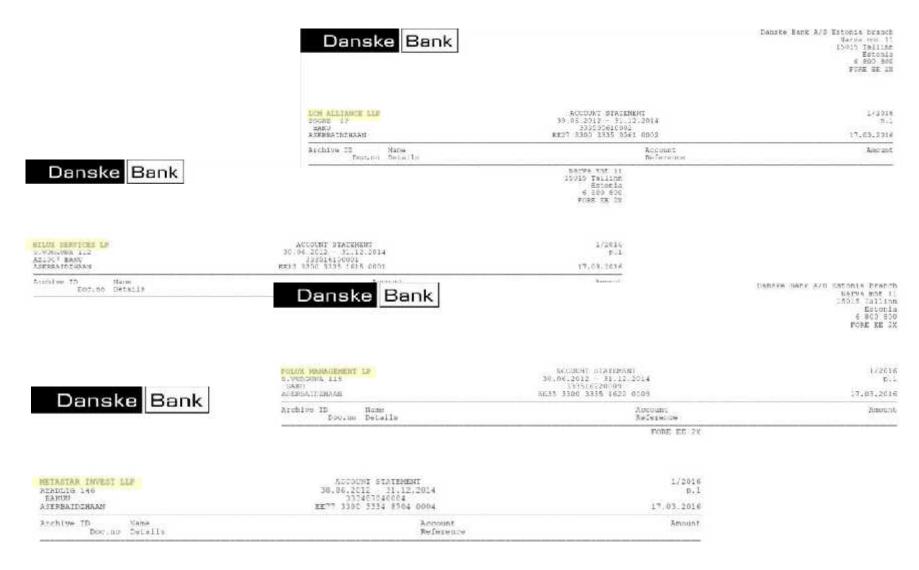
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The four core companies





The Italian case

Procedimento penale n. 34033/14 R.G.N.R. mod. 21

foglio n. 26 --

Nel caso si possa mandare una nota spese forfettaria, fai accreditare la cifra del volo + 2.000 euro sul conto della Fondazione Novae Terrae⁻³⁸

Luca VOLONTÉ <u>In data 30.07.2011</u> invia una e-mail a Elkhan.
 SULEYMANOV per ringraziario dell'ospitalità (All. n. 64):

"Caro Elkhan.

li ringrazio molto per tutto!!!

Ho scoperto, grazie a te, un paese molto interessante e sicuramenta la nostra friendship sta aumentaridoli

Grazie, i tuoi doni sono molto buoni e molto preziosi!!!....

 In data 19.06.2012 VOLONTE riceve da MAMMADOV una e-mail con allegati due report, il primo denominato "la definition des prisonniers politiques" ed il secondo "Suivi de la question des prisonniers politiques en Azerbaijan". Entrambi recano la dicitura "diffusion restreinte" (All. n. 12).

"Caro amico, ecco i due rapporti. Noi iniziamo a lavorarci immediatamente. Grazie per la tua mail a EPP! Questo è magnifico! Ovviamente io mantengo la riservatezza. Grazie di nuovo per tutto. Sinceramente Muslum."



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OGGETTO: Procedimento penale n. 34033/14 R.G.N.R. mod. 21, nei confronti di. -VOLONTE' Luca Giuseppe, nato a Saronno (VA) il 17.03.1966. Procedimento penale n. 34033/14 R.G.N.R. mod. 21

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Dall'esame del materiale sottoposto a sequestro, tuttavia, è merso immediatamente un quadro investigativo differente da quello inizialmente ipolizzato, che ruota intorno all'attività politica svolta da Luca VOLONTE', nel periodo dal 2011 al 2013, presso l'Assemblea Parlamentare del Consiglio d'Europa

Le indagini hanno consentito di acclarare che le citate transazioni finanziarie rappresenterebbero il compenso erogato da esponenti politici azen all'exparlamentare italiano il quale, tramite consulenze politiche e iniziative legate all'esercizio della propria funzione partamentare si sarebbe adoperato per curare gli interessi dell'Azerbaijan.

In tale contesto, la società L.G.V. S.r.I. e la Fondazione "Novae Terrae" sarebbero gli schermi giuridici funzionali alla riscossione di suddetti compensi giustificando gli imperti come pagamento di consulenze o donazioni.

Per quanto appena accennato, si è ritenuto opportuno iniziare la presente annotazione proprio dall'attività politica di Luca VOLONTÈ per poi delineare le ragioni che potrebbero aver innescato le refazioni con i colleghi politici azeri.

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Money from Azerbaijan

Directly from the regime:

- MODIAR (Ministry of Defence Industry of Azerbaijan Republic).
- Ministry of Emergency Situations.
- Special State Protection Service (refers directly to the president).



Companies with ties to the regime:

- Baktelekom MMC, connected to former minister.
- Goknur Baki.
- Azarbaycan Metanol Kompani.
- Arash Medical Company.

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Multinational companies:

- Schlüter & Maack (German hazelnut company).
- Rosoboronexport (Russian state owned arms trader).



Money to European politicians

European politicians and officials:

Eduard Lintner, German politician and election monitor.

Kalin Mitrev, member of board of EBRD, married to head of UNESCO.

Zmago Jelincic Pleminiti, Slovenian presidential candidate.

Karin Strentz, Bundestag member, CDU.

Alain Destexhe, Belgian politician and member of PACE.

Luca Volontè, Italian politican and member of PACE.

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Other beneficiaries

Azerbaijani politicians and officials:

- Ali Nagiyev, deputy chief of anti-corruption unit.
- Members of the Eyyubov family.
- Orkhan Sultanov, head of foreign intelligence.

<u>Other</u>

Sport stars, media moguls, musicians, lobbyists, journalists etc.



Azerbaijani vs. Maltese case

Azerbaijani Laundromat:

- Money flows mainly from accounts in International Bank of Azerbaijan...
- owned by ministries, companies and different offshore entities...
- to accounts in Danske Bank Estonia...
- owned by four british shell companies...
- and onwards to accounts owned by politicians, lobbyists, officials and tax havens etc. in various banks all over the world.

Malta case:

- Money flows from Dubai registered company controlled by the Aliyev family...
- with accounts in **Dubai based bank**...
- to accounts in Pilatus Bank in Malta...
- owned by Panama registered companies controlled by trusts in New Zealand...
- ultimately owned by politicians and officials in Malta.

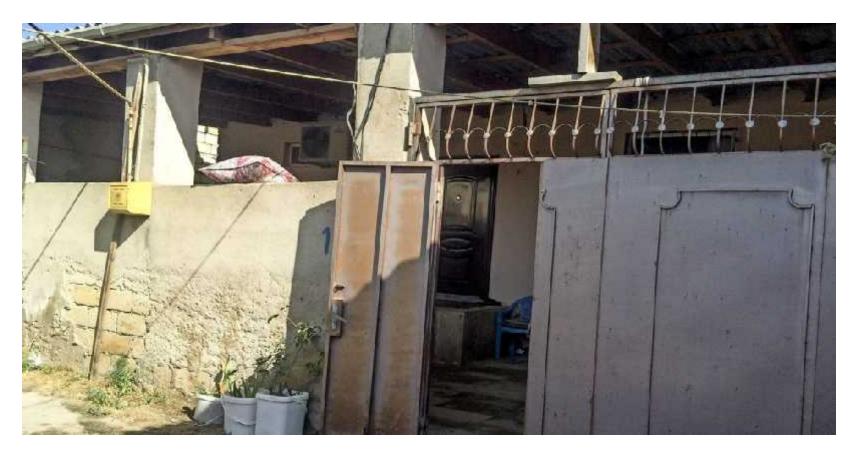


Consequenses across Europe

- **UK:** Theresa May has asked the National Crime Agency (NCA) to investigate the role of british LP/LLP companies in the scheme.
- **Belgium:** Politicians Stef Goris og Alain Destexhe received money. Destexhe has left PACE.
- Slovenia: Party leader Zmago Jelincic Plemeniti withdrew his candidacy for president.
- France: PACE in Strasbourg established an independent comité to investigate the reports of bribery. French police investigates Danske Bank for money laundering.
- **Denmark:** Danske Bank launched investigation into all non-resident clients in Estonia since 2007. Danish FSA investigates the reports as well.
- **Bulgaria:** Authorities investigate payments to Kalin Mitrev, member of EBRD board.
- Italy: Luca Volontè's case is on trial in Milan.
- **Azerbaijan:** Thousands of protesters demonstrating in the streets of Baku against corruption and tax fraud comitted by the country's elite.



Thank you! Questions?



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