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## **New CFE Executive Board for 2025 – 2026 Appointed by General Assembly**



**CFE Tax Advisers Europe, the leading European association of tax institutes, associations and chambers that represent tax advisers, elected a new Executive Board for the period 2025 - 2026 at the General Assembly on 20 September 2024. The new Executive Board will take up their duties on 1 January 2025.**

CFE Tax Advisers Europe, the European umbrella association of tax institutes and chambers that represent tax advisers, elected a new Executive Board for the period 2025 - 2026 at the General Assembly in Ljubljana on 20 September 2024 chaired by Acting President Stella Raventós-Calvo. The new Executive Board will take up its duties on 1 January 2025.

The General Assembly, the governing body of CFE Tax Advisers Europe, unanimously elected **Piergiorgio Valente** as **President** (Managing Partner, Valente Associati GEB Partners and Crowe Valente, Italy and Professor, Link Campus University, Rome, Italy).

**Martin Phelan** was re-elected **Secretary General** (Partner, Simmons & Simmons, Ireland) and **Branislav Kováč** (Partner, VGD Slovakia and Vice-President, Slovak Chamber of Tax Advisers, Slovakia) was re-elected **Treasurer**.

The General Assembly appointed three new **Vice-Presidents: Petra Pospíšilová** (Partner, BDO and President, Czech Chamber of Tax Advisers, Czech Republic), **Bruno Gouthière** (Partner, CMS Francis Lefebvre, France) and **MSc Ivan Simič** (Partner, Simič & partnerji d.o.o., President, Tax Advisory Chamber of Slovenia and President, Association of Tax Advisors of Serbia).

The General Assembly appointed two **Executive Board Members: Anna Misiak** (Partner, Head of Personal Tax Practice and Advisory Services for Employers, MDDP, Poland) and **Trudy Perié** (Counsel - Tax Adviser, Loyens & Loeff, The Netherlands).

The General Assembly appointed **Jeremy Woolf** (Barrister, Pump Court Tax Chambers, United Kingdom) as **Chair of the Fiscal Committee**, **Eduardo Gracia Espinar** (Practice Group Head, Tax, Ashurst LLP, Spain) as **Chair of the Professional Affairs Committee**, and **Markus Ehgartner** (Managing Partner, Dr. Ehgartner Steuerberatungs KG, Austria) as **Chair of the Tax Technology Committee**.

Commenting, newly-elected CFE President Piergiorgio Valente said:

*“As the newly elected President, I recognise the immense value that young professionals bring to our CFE’s future. We will prioritise inclusivity, ensuring that every voice is heard, and foster a culture of active listening and cooperation. Together, we will build a CFE where collaboration empowers all to thrive”.*

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## NOTE FOR EDITORS

[CFE Tax Advisers Europe](#) (formally Confédération Fiscale Européenne) is a Brussels-based umbrella association representing the European tax advisers. Founded in 1959, it brings together 30 national organisations from 23 European countries, representing more than 200,000 tax advisers. The General Assembly is the governing body of CFE Tax Advisers Europe, in which each member state is able to be represented by up to six delegates. The primary responsibilities of the General Assembly are to decide on the acceptance of members and observers, to approve amendments to the governing statutes, to appoint the Executive Board, to adopt the business report of the Executive Board and to approve the accounts and budget for the CFE.

CFE's role and mission is to:

- Safeguard the professional interests of tax advisers and assure the quality of tax services provided by tax advisers;
- Exchange information about national tax laws and contribute to the co-ordination and development of tax law in Europe;
- Maintain relations with the European institutions, the OECD and other international and national bodies, and share with the European Union institutions the tax technical experience and insight of our members from all areas of taxation;
- Inform the public about the services that tax advisers provide;
- Seek to provide the best possible conditions for tax advisers to carry out their profession;
- Promote the co-ordination of national laws governing the profession, and achieve the protection of each national tax adviser's title in Europe.

The Executive Board is responsible of the day-to-day work of CFE Tax Advisers Europe. The Board monitors developments in taxation law and the profession within Europe and manages CFE's work streams arising from these issues. Work is managed through three committees, the Fiscal Committee, the Professional Affairs Committee and the Tax Technology Committee which are chaired by a member of the Board. Delegates from each of the three committees also form various working groups and subcommittees focussed on specific or time sensitive issues that necessitate specialist input.

[The Global Tax Advisers' Platform](#) ("GTAP") was established by CFE Tax Advisers Europe, the Asia-Oceania Tax Consultants' Association ("AOTCA") and the West African Union of Tax Institutes ("WAUTI"), who collectively represent more than 700,000 tax advisers in Europe, Asia and Africa. GTAP is an international platform that seeks to bring together national and international organisations of tax professionals from all around the world. GTAP's fundamental principle is that taxpayers' and tax advisers' interests are better pursued and served within a fair and efficient global taxation framework.