

CFE CONNECT



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I am pleased to introduce CFE Connect: a new monthly publication to serve as a key resource in identifying emerging trends and providing insights into the evolving landscape of tax policy and practice. It will also highlight CFE activities and keep you informed on the initiatives shaping the profession and CFE's role in navigating the path forward.

The newly appointed Executive Board for 2025–2026 has now taken up its duties, and is committed to delivering the strategic vision of the CFE General Assembly. The Board is actively working to ensure CFE adapts to the challenges and opportunities presented by digitalisation, regulatory shifts, and the evolving role of tax advisers in society.

CFE has also launched an internal governance review this month and we look forward to our members' feedback and subsequent discussions at our next General Assembly in March in Brussels.

CFE WINTER TECHNICAL MEETINGS

CFE started the year with its Winter Technical Committee meetings in the week of 20 January, bringing together delegates from CFE Member Organisations to engage in dynamic discussions on key tax developments.

Under the leadership of the newly appointed Technical Committee Chairs, priority areas for the coming term have been identified, and dedicated working groups have been formed to address critical issues shaping the tax landscape. With a strong focus on collaboration and thought leadership, the Chairs and committee members look forward to their two-year mandate, ensuring that CFE remains at the forefront of technical expertise and advocacy in European and international taxation.

TAX POLICY DEVELOPMENTS



Key Global & EU Tax Developments in January

The tax landscape in 2025 is evolving rapidly. Here are some of the most significant developments this month:

♦ **Trump Withdraws U.S. from OECD Global Tax Deal**

In a significant policy shift, President Trump's administration has issued an order withdrawing U.S. participation in the OECD's global minimum tax framework. The decision raises questions about the future of international tax cooperation.

♦ **Von der Leyen's '28th Regime' for EU Competitiveness**

At Davos, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen proposed a "28th regime" to streamline EU corporate law, taxation, and labor rules—aiming to enhance business scalability and investment across Europe.

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✦ UN Tax Framework Negotiations Begin

The UN will launch formal negotiations in February 2025 to establish a Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation. With support for developing nations and concerns from key economies like the U.S. and EU, these talks could reshape global tax policy.

✦ Poland's EU Presidency Tax Priorities

Poland, as the Council of the EU's new president, aims to enhance competitiveness by tackling harmful tax practices, enforcing OECD's Pillar Two rules, and closing the VAT gap—especially in e-commerce.

✦ OECD Insights on MNEs & Taxation

A new OECD paper highlights how multinational enterprises allocate business functions based on tax incentives. It underscores the ongoing global tax competition and the impact of tax policy on corporate decision-making.

More information can be found in the [CFE Tax Top 5](#) publications on our website. Sign up to the mailing list to receive the latest news in your inbox.

CONSULTATIONS & CONFERENCES

✦ Major Tax Conferences & Consultations:


- ◆ EU Tax Symposium (18 March, Brussels) – A key forum on tax fairness and competitiveness.
- ◆ CFE Forum (27 March, Brussels) – Exploring global tax reform, BEPS, and digital taxation.
- ◆ UN Tax Incentives Consultation (Open until 11 February 2025) – Seeking input on tax incentives for developing nations.


CFE FORUM 2025



Registrations Open: CFE Forum

Join us at the CFE Forum 2025: “Navigating Tax Transformation: From Compliance to Competitiveness”

 When: 27 March 2025 | 09:30 – 17:00

 Where: Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the EU, Rue Montoyer 47, Brussels

This full-day conference will feature thought leaders and experts discussing critical topics, including:

- ◆ Global Tax Reform: Insights on BEPS implementation, UN tax initiatives, and EU competitiveness;
- ◆ ECJ Case-Law Updates: Impacts of the Apple state aid, DAC6 case law, and enforcement of EU law;
- ◆ Transfer Pricing & VAT: Exploring their complex interplay;
- ◆ Digital and Green Taxation: Shaping a sustainable and competitive future.

Register via the CFE website to secure your place to exchange insights with global professionals, and stay ahead of the curve in the evolving tax landscape.