

CFE 2025 Tax Symposium

*Taxation in Transition:
Compliance, Rights & Innovation
in a High-Data World*

Date

18 September 2025

Time

09:30 - 17:00

Location

**Oude Vismijn
Sint-Veerleplein 5, 9000
Ghent, Belgium**



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Join us for an engaging international tax policy conference bringing together policymakers, academics, and tax professionals. This high-level event will explore the practical impact of recent EU and global developments, with panels on OECD Pillar Two implementation, cross-border trends, taxpayer rights, and the rise of AI in tax compliance.

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Registration & Coffee - 09:30am

Welcome - 10:00am



Piergiorgio Valente
President
CFE Tax Advisers Europe



Bart Van Coile
President
Institute for Tax Advisors
& Accountants, Belgium

Keynote Address - 10:30am



Filip Van de Velde
Head of the Belgian Tax Administration

Panel 1 - EU & International Tax Policy

Landscape 10:45am

This panel will discuss international tax policy trends, including implementation of Pillar Two, EU simplification efforts, broader cross-border trends and the outlook for further coordination on global tax policy.

Speakers:



Benjamin Angel
Director, Direct Taxation
European Commission



Felicie Bonnet
Head of Unit, International Tax Co-ordination,
Global Minimum Tax, OECD



Jorge Ferreras Guterrez
Deputy-Director General
Ministry of Finance, Spain



Helen Pahapill
Tax Policy Adviser to the Deputy Secretary General
Ministry of Finance, Estonia



Prof. Dr. Georg Kofler
Professor of International Tax Law, WU Vienna, Austria
Chairman of the CFE ECJ Task Force

Moderator:

Aleksandar Ivanovski
Director
CFE Tax Advisers Europe





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Lunch - 12:30pm

Panel 2 - DAC and Taxpayers Rights - 13:30pm

This panel will discuss developments in EU tax transparency, including the recast and consolidation of the DAC framework, the use of pre-populated tax returns and the taxpayer's right to confirm, as well as issues of proportionality, prescription periods, and sanctions.

Speakers:



Reinhard Biebel
Head of Unit, Direct Tax Policy
European Commission



Raluca Enache
Head of EU Tax Centre
KPMG



Philippe Vanclooster
Board Member
Institute for Tax Advisors & Accountants, Belgium

Moderator:

Eduardo Gracia Espinar
Partner
Ashurts EMEA, Spain



Coffee Break - 15:00pm





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Panel 3 - AI, Tax Technology & Indirect Tax - 15:20pm

This panel will discuss the growing role of technology in tax compliance, including AI-enabled tools, real-time VAT reporting systems such as MOSS, IOSS and VIDA, and the importance of secure IT architecture and ethical use of taxpayer data.

Speakers:



Jane Mellor
Head of Professional Standards
CIOT, United Kingdom



Nicholas Devillers
Partner, Indirect Tax
BDO, Luxembourg



Petra Pospíšilová
President
Czech Chamber of Tax Advisers

Moderator:

Jeremy Woolf
Barrister, Pump Court
United Kingdom



Closing Remarks - 17:00pm



Branislav Kováč
Treasurer
CFE Tax Advisers Europe

