

CFE Celebrates 60th Anniversary in Torino



Pascal Saint-Amans, Director of the OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, **Piergiorgio Valente**, CFE President, and **Bert Zuijndendorp**, Head of Company Taxation Initiatives, DG TAXUD.

Under the high patronage of the European Parliament, CFE Tax Advisers Europe celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a series of events, including a General Assembly, the inaugural Global Tax Advisers Platform conference and technical committee meetings held over three days in Torino, Italy, between 2 and 5 October 2019, hosted by the Italian member organisations of CFE - Associazione Nazionale Tributaristi Italiani (ANTI) & Consiglio Nazionale dei Dottori Commercialisti e degli Esperti Contabili (CNDCEC).

CFE President Piergiorgio Valente welcomed the delegates and high-level guests, and thanked the Member Organisations of CFE, the Italian host Member Organisations, and the delegates for their commitment and continuous support in achieving the goals and objectives of CFE Tax Advisers Europe over the many years.

Pascal Saint-Amans, Director of the OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration addressed the General Assembly, highlighting the long-standing collaboration between the CFE and the OECD. Mr Saint-Amans said that CFE has been an active contributor to OECD's work since its inception in 1959 - only a few years before the publication of the 1963 OECD Model Tax Convention. Mr Saint-Amans welcomed CFE's recent contributions to OECD's public consultations and presented the upcoming OECD agenda on the taxation challenges of the digital economy.

Representing the European Commission, Bert Zuijndendorp, Head of Company Taxation Initiatives, DG TAXUD, thanked CFE for its contribution to the taxation policy work of the European Commission over the years and discussed the important role that stakeholders play in the taxation policy initiatives of the EU. Mr Zuijndendorp also reflected on the synergy of the work undertaken by the OECD and the EU.

In a written contribution for the CFE's 60th Anniversary, Mr Valère Moutarlier, Director Direct Taxation, European Commission said: *"CFE has been a prominent and constructive actor in the EU's tax arena for many years now. Its contributions to consultations, its submission of well-researched position papers and its membership in the Platform on Tax Good Governance are just a few of the ways in which it has brought its views and ideas to our attention. This Commission relies heavily on vocal, active and knowledgeable stakeholders for well-informed policy-making and CFE certainly meets this description. As we move forward now, towards a new mandate and a renewed agenda for taxation policy in Europe, I am sure that CFE will continue to liaise closely with the Commission and make its mark."*

The CFE Tax Advisers Europe was honoured to receive the patronage of the European Parliament of its 60th Anniversary, confirming the close links between the objectives of CFE's initiatives and the values of the European Union. In a written statement, the President of the European Parliament, David Sassoli, said: *"The European Parliament very much admires the aim of your initiative, which is to present the goals of your organisation from its beginnings 60 years ago and to examine the close relationships forged with the European institutions over the years. As you are aware, the power to tax is in the hands of the Member States, with the European Union having only limited competences. However, as EU tax policy is geared towards the smooth running of the single market, the harmonisation of indirect taxation, and the 'fight against harmful tax evasion and tax avoidance, have become EU policy priorities. In this framework, and in the context of other policies, the consultation and the exchange of information on national tax laws and practices, and on the coordination and development of tax law in Europe between national tax advisers, and between national tax advisers and the European institutions, are both necessary and extremely useful. For that reason, the institution I have the honour to preside over greatly appreciates the professional and committed work of your organisation. It also highly values your activity as an important partner in the last European elections campaign."* the President of the European Parliament stated.



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