

Symposium

Towards a harmonized corporate tax system in Europe

The Commission's Proposal from a practical point of view

Brussels, April 24, 2012



On March 16, 2011, the European Commission released a proposal for a Council Directive on a Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB). The CCCTB aims to remove the existing tax obstacles resulting from the co-existence of twenty-seven different tax regimes. In particular, CCCTB offers European companies a harmonized set of rules to form their tax base. Moreover, groups have the opportunity to offset their losses. The European Commission aims for the CCCTB to be approved unanimously by the Council in 2013 and Member States should implement the system into national law within two or three years.

At this symposium, a clear and practical explanation of the CCCTB proposal is provided as well as insights into the technical details. Moreover, attention is paid to the political aspects of the proposal, both at the national and European levels. The symposium will be closed by a lively debate between business representatives, policy makers and academics.

With simultaneous translation in Dutch, French and English

Program

13:25-13:30

Welcome by **Carine Coppens**, Coordinator Applied Taxation, University College Ghent

13:30-13:50

CCCTB and the position of Belgium,

Steven Vanackere, Belgian Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Sustainable Development

13:50-14:35

The CCCTB proposal: aim, scope and working,

Piet De Vos, First Attaché of Finance - Federal Public Service Finance Belgium

14:35-15:15

European progress towards implementation of the CCCTB,

Thomas Neale, Head of Unit Company Tax Initiatives – DG Tax & Customs Union – European Commission

15:15-15:30

Research results CCCTB project,

Annelies Roggeman and Isabelle Verleyen, researchers - University College Ghent and Ghent University

15:30-16:00

Coffee Break

16:00-17:30

Debate on some selected issues CCCTB

Chairman:

Johan Van den Driessche, Independent company director, previously chairman of the EU Tax Centre of KPMG Europe

Debaters:

Steven Claes, Tax Partner, Ernst & Young

Marcel Gérard, Professor of Economics and Taxation, Catholic University of Louvain

Thomas Neale, Head of Unit Company Tax Initiatives – DG Tax & Customs Union – European Commission

Christoph Spengel, Professor of Business Administration and International Taxation, University of Mannheim

Stefaan Vandamme, Chief Financial Officer, Van de Velde NV

Jean Baeten, Head of the Tax Department, Federation of Enterprises in Belgium (FEB-VBO), Member of the Council of the Belgian Institute of Accountants and Tax Consultants IAB-IEC

17:30-19:00

Reception

Target group

Accountants, bookkeepers, tax advisors, financial managers, lawyers, policy makers, academics, students in taxation and all interested people.

Certificate (3 hours) IAB (A0007/2009), BIBF (34870)

Symposium venue

KBC Auditorium, Havenlaan 2, 1080 Brussels (Belgium).

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Registration

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Deadline of registration: April 15, 2012

Participation fee

€100

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