

28 June 2023

## ETAF Conference

Expecting the SAFE proposal:  
the perspective of the tax profession

14:00 - 16:00 CET

@ Stanhope Hotel,  
Rue du Commerce 9, 1000 Brussels

The European Commission is working on a proposal for a Directive “to tackle the role of enablers that facilitate tax evasion and aggressive tax planning in the European Union” (Securing the Activity Framework for Enablers – SAFE). Aggressive tax planning is often referred to as a “grey zone”. Its definition is one of the core challenges and remains problematic as every taxpayer has the right to choose the least taxed route. In this context, ETAF would like to discuss with tax professionals, EU representatives and academics what constitutes aggressive tax planning from their point of view and how the Commission intends to define it without deterring legitimate tax planning and interfering with the work of law-abiding tax advisers.

14:00 - Welcome coffee

14:30 - Opening remarks by **Philippe Arraou**, ETAF President

14:35 - Keynote speech from **Michael Schick**, ETAF Head of Office

14:45 - Panel discussion moderated by **Elodie Lamer**, journalist for Tax Notes:

- **Paul Tang**, MEP and Chair of the FISC subcommittee of the European Parliament
- **Manon François**, Researcher at the EU Tax Observatory
- **Andrea Rabb**, Registered tax expert, ETAF Board member and Vice-President of International Affairs of Moklasz

15:55 - Concluding remarks by **Philippe Arraou**, ETAF President

16:00 - Small reception

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The conference will be livestreamed on Zoom