

# 17 April 2024

## ETAF Conference

### Towards a simpler, rationalised and future-proof EU tax system

13:00 - 16:00 CET

@ Sofitel Brussels Europe,  
Place Jourdan 1, 1040 Brussels

On the eve of EU elections, it is the perfect time to engage in a collective reflection on the future of the EU tax system. This conference will bring together tax experts and EU officials to explore what the tax policies under the next European Commission should look like, as well as the future perspectives for tax advisers in the European Union. On this occasion ETAF will also present its manifesto for the EU elections outlining several core demands to the next European Parliament and European Commission to ensure that the EU tax system is simpler, rationalised and future-proof.

#### Programme:

**13:00** - Welcome coffee

**13:30** - Introductory speech and presentation of ETAF manifesto for the EU elections by ETAF President, **Philippe Arraou**

**13:45** - Panel discussion 1: Which tax policies under the next European Commission?

- **Benjamin Angel**, Director Direct taxation, Tax coordination, Economic analysis and Evaluation at the DG TAXUD of the European Commission
- **MEP Isabel Benjumea Benjumea** (EPP, Spain)
- **Panayiotis Nicolaides**, Director of Research of the EU Tax Observatory
- **Bart Van Coile**, President of the Belgian Institute for Tax Advisors and Accountants (ITAA)

Moderator: **Elodie Lamer**, Tax journalist at Tax Notes

**14:55** - Panel discussion 2: Future perspectives for the tax advisers in the EU

- **Ana Xavier**, Head of Unit Economic Analysis of Taxation, Impact Assessment and Evaluation support at the DG TAXUD of the European Commission
- **Pascal Saint-Amans**, Former Director of the OECD CTPA, Non-resident fellow at Bruegel, Partner at Brunswick
- **Sean Bray**, Director of European Policy of Tax Foundation Europe
- **Florin Toma**, Expert accountant and Member of the Body of Expert and Licensed Accountants of Romania (CECCAR)

Moderator: **Jacomien van den Hurk**, Director EU Public and Regulatory Affairs at PwC

**15:55** - Concluding remarks by Philippe Arraou

**16:00** - Small reception

Simultaneous interpretation EN-DE-RO  
The conference will also be livestreamed