

3 June 2025

ETAF Conference

Decluttering without diluting the EU tax system

13:00 – 16:30 CET

@Renaissance Hotel, Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels

Programme:

13:00 – Welcome coffee

13:30 – Welcome speech by ETAF President, **Philippe Arraou**

13:40 – **Panel discussion 1: Decluttering: what and how? Political commitment, key concepts and shared understanding**

- **Maria Elena Scoppio**, Director for Indirect Taxation and Tax Administration at DG TAXUD of the European Commission
- **MEP Kira Marie Peter-Hansen** (Greens/EFA, Denmark), Vice-Chair of the FISC Subcommittee of the European Parliament
- **MEP Michalis Hadjipantela** (EPP, Cyprus), Rapporteur on the EP draft report “The role of simple tax rules and tax fragmentation in European competitiveness”
- **Christian Böke**, Certified Public Accountant and Tax Adviser (DStV) and President of the Tax Adviser Association of Lower Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt

Moderator: **Saim Saeed**, Tax journalist at Bloomberg Tax

15:00 – **Panel discussion 2: The DAC: a case study in simplification**

- **Henrik Paulander**, Head of Sector Administrative cooperation at DG TAXUD of the European Commission
- **Angie Clocheret**, International Tax Professional at the General Administration of Strategic Expertise and Support of the Belgian SPF Finances
- **Pieter Baert**, Policy Analyst at the European Parliamentary Research Service
- **Philippe Vanclooster**, Certified Tax Adviser and member of ITAA’s Council

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

16:20 – Closing remarks by **Philippe Arraou**

16:30 – Reception

The conference language is English. AI-based simultaneous interpretation in French, German, Romanian, Hungarian and Croatian will be available. Online participation will also be possible upon registration.