

3 November 2026

ETAF Conference

From past to future: Lessons from a decade of EU tax developments

09:00 - 17:00 CET

@Sofitel Brussels Europe, Place Jourdan 1, 1040 Brussels

Programme:

09:00 - Registration & Welcome coffee

MORNING SESSION - ETAF achievements & the role of the regulated tax profession

09:30 - **Welcome speech** by ETAF President, **Philippe Arraou**

09:45 - **Opening remarks** on the importance of dialogue with stakeholders in shaping policymaking

10:00 - **Keynote I:** Defending the professional law frameworks by **Paula Franco**, President of the Portuguese Order of Certified Accountants (OCC)

10:15 - Coffee break

10:45 - **Panel discussion I:** The evolving role of the tax profession

- **Damien Charrier**, President of the French National Council of the Order of Chartered Accountants (CNOEC)
- **Prof. Susanne Schmidt-Pfeiffer**, Vice-President of the Chamber of Tax Advisers of Nürnberg
- **Oana Nicorescu**, Member of the Superior Council of the Body of Expert and Licensed Accountants of Romania (CECCAR)
- **Andrea Rabb**, Vice-President of International Affairs of the Association of Hungarian Certified Tax Experts (Moklasz) and ETAF Board member

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

12:00 - Networking lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION - EU tax policy: Today & tomorrow

13:30 - Keynote II: The current state of EU taxation by **Gerassimos Thomas**, Director-General for Taxation and Customs Union, DG TAXUD, European Commission

13:45 - Panel discussion II: Decluttering the EU tax agenda

- **Benjamin Angel**, Director for Direct Taxation, DG TAXUD, European Commission
- **Pascal Saint-Amans**, Former Director of the OECD CTPA, Non-resident fellow at Bruegel, Founding President of Saint-Amans Global Advisory (SAGA)
- **Kristi Raba**, Head of unit Tax Policy, Customs Union and Export Credits, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU

More speakers to be announced soon!

Moderator: **Elodie Lamer**, Senior Tax Reporter at Tax Analysts

15:00 – Coffee break

15:30 - Keynote III: The future of European tax policy by **MEP Pasquale Tridico**, Chair of the European Parliament's Subcommittee on Tax Matters (FISC)

15:45 - Panel discussion III: Tax challenges for Europe in the next decade

- **MEP Pasquale Tridico**, Chair of the FISC Subcommittee
- **Reinhard Biebel**, Head of Unit, Direct Tax Policy and Cooperation, DG TAXUD, European Commission
- **Roel Dom**, Economist and Research Fellow at Bruegel, EU Tax Compass

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Moderator: **Eleanor Butler**, Senior Tax Correspondent for Law360

17:00 - Closing remarks by **Philippe Arraou**

19:00 - Celebratory invite-only dinner at the Maison du Luxembourg featuring a speech from **Pierre Moscovici**, former European Tax Commissioner, Member of the European Court of Auditors

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