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The 8th European Conference on Tax Advisers' Professional Affairs

“Big Data - a threat to taxpayer rights?”

Date : Friday, 13 November 2015

Time : 14.00 - 18.30 hrs

**Place : Koninklijke Industriële Groote Club, Dam 27, 1012 JS Amsterdam,
The Netherlands**

The Confédération Fiscale Européenne (CFE), the European federation of tax advisers, would like to invite you to the 8th European Conference on Tax Advisers' Professional Affairs which will take place on Friday, 13 November 2015 in Amsterdam.

Recently adopted or proposed initiatives at international and EU level to increase transparency in taxation (exchange of bank account and other financial information, country by country reporting in annual reports and transfer pricing documentation, tax planning disclosure rules, mandatory exchange of information on tax rulings) will provide tax administration with large amounts of taxpayer data. An efficient use of IT will provide tools for risk assessment, targeting tax audits and countering tax avoidance.

If well-designed, transparency-enhancing measures and the use of IT can benefit the taxpayer. On-line taxpayer accounts, pre-filled tax returns and a transparent communication policy explaining tax administrations' positions may facilitate compliance.

However, some of these initiatives may touch on the taxpayer's rights to privacy and effective representation and may make taxpayers pay more tax than legally owed, by discouraging them from planning within the limits of the law.

At the same time, there is a revived interest in the protection and formal recognition of the taxpayer's rights:

- The European Commission is planning the publication of a “European Taxpayers' Code”.
- The CFE, together with AOTCA, the Asia-Oceania Tax Consultants' Association and STEP, the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, presented a draft Model Taxpayer Charter of rights and responsibilities of taxpayers. After consultation with the OECD and other stakeholders, a final version of the Model Taxpayer Charter is due to be published in 2015.
- Lastly, the International Fiscal Association (IFA), in 2015, published a country benchmark identifying minimum standards and best practices in the protection of taxpayer rights.

Traditionally, the protection of taxpayers' rights is the role of the tax adviser. The conference will ask whether this concept requires adaptation in a digital tax world based on fair competition, transparency and information exchange.

Details of booking arrangements you will find on the [CFE website](#). For further information please do not hesitate to contact the CFE Office in Brussels:

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- 13.30 Admission
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- 14.00 - 14.10 Welcome - **Henk Koller**, President of the CFE
Introduction by the Moderator **Dick Barmantlo**, Chairman of the CFE Professional Affairs Committee
- 14.10 - 15.20 **Session 1: IT in tax administration: transparent taxpayers, transparent states?**
- Albert L.J. Bouwen**, Responsible for the IT strategy at the Special Tax Inspectorate (BBI), Ministry of Finance, Belgium
- Ylva Larsson**, Senior Lecturer and Researcher, Örebro University, Sweden; formerly Swedish tax administration
- Elco van der Enden**, Global Tax Function Effectiveness Leader, and
Eric Dankaart, Partner, both PwC, The Netherlands
- Questions and answers**
- 15.20 - 16.40 **Session 2: A new focus on taxpayer rights**
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- Tom Neale**, Head of Unit Direct Tax Policy & Cooperation, DG Taxud, European Commission (tbc)
- Eric Poelmann**, Assistant Professor in tax law, University of Amsterdam; Ministry of Finance, The Netherlands
- Philip Baker**, QC, Gray's Inn Tax Chambers, United Kingdom
- David Russell**, AM, QC, Barrister at Law at Outer Temple Chambers and Ground Floor Wentworth Chambers, United Arab Emirates
- Questions and answers**
- 16.40 - 17.00 Coffee break
- 17.00 - 18.10 **Session 3: Is there a new role for tax advisers?**
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- Achim Pross**, Head of the International Co-operation and Tax Administration Division, OECD (tbc)
- Alejandro Puyo**, Director Technical Department, AEDAF - Spanish Association of Tax Advisers, Spain
- Chris Davidson**, CBE, Director, Tax Management Consulting, KPMG, United Kingdom
- Questions and answers** / Panel discussion with all speakers
- 18.10 - 18.20 Concluding remarks by the Moderator
- 18.20 Cocktail reception

