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Targeting the "Bad Apples": Enablers of Tax Avoidance

Is tax avoidance still a substantial
problem in Europe?

**15TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON TAX
ADVISERS' PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS**

DECEMBER 2, 2022 | 9:30AM - 15:00PM
SHERATON ZAGREB HOTEL, ZAGREB, CROATIA



Program

9:30 am - 10:00 am

REGISTRATION

10:00 am - 10:15 am

OPENING REMARKS

- **PIERGIORGIO VALENTE**, PRESIDENT, CFE TAX ADVISERS EUROPE
- **MR. SC. DAMIR BRAJKOVIĆ**, PRESIDENT, HKPS
- **REPRESENTATIVE**, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, CROATIA

10:15 am - 11:30 am

PANEL 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE EU SAFE PROPOSAL

- **BENJAMIN ANGEL**, DGTAXUD, EU COMMISSION (INVITED)
- **PAUL TANG**, CHAIR, FISC. TAXATION SUBCOMMITTEE, EU PARLIAMENT (INVITED)
- **DR. SC. NEVIA ČIČIN-ŠAIN**, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW, WU UNIVERSITY, AUSTRIA
- **PHILIPPE VANCLOOSTER**, CHAIR, PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CFE

11:30 am - 12:00 pm

COFFEE BREAK

12:00 pm - 14:00 pm

PANEL 2: IS TAX AVOIDANCE STILL A PROBLEM IN PRACTICE?

- **JUDR. BARBARA POŘÍZKOVÁ**, JUDGE, SUPREME ADMINISTRATIVE COURT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
- **DR. SC. IVAN ČEVIZOVIĆ**, TAX ADVISOR, CROATIAN CHAMBER OF TAX ADVISORS
- **RALUCA ENACHE**, ASSOCIATE PARTNER, EU TAX CENTRE, KPMG
- **MAG. TOMÁŠ URBÁŠEK**, PARTNER, TAX AND LEGAL SERVICES, PWC, CZECH REPUBLIC

14:00 pm

LUNCH & NETWORKING RECEPTION

CFE's 15th European Conference on Tax Advisers' Professional Affairs will be held in Zagreb, Croatia, on Friday 2 December 2022 from 09:30 am to 15:00 pm, on the

topic of **“Targeting the “Bad Apples” : Enablers of Tax Avoidance - Is it Still a Substantial Problem in Europe?”**.

The EU Commission has been focused on introducing legislation to improve tax intermediaries' regulatory framework and tackle the role of enablers that facilitate tax evasion and aggressive tax planning in the European Union (Securing the Activity Framework of Enablers – “SAFE”). The Commission as part of this legislative initiative is considering policy options such as an EU register of enablers and due diligence procedures, enforcing measures via monetary penalties, and preventing intermediaries who fit the criteria from providing further services as a means of deterring aggressive tax planning.

Panelists will consider the potential effectiveness of the proposed legislation; the definitions used and whether policy options which focus on tackling the role of enablers truly reduce aggressive tax planning within the European Union and properly target the “bad apples” in the tax advisory profession. Panelists will also discuss existing legislative measures in the EU, post-BEPS data, and whether tax evasion and aggressive tax planning continue to be a substantial problem in the EU with the introduction of the plethora of post-BEPS EU anti-avoidance legislation.

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