

Future of VAT Roundtable

Time for action!

How the European Commission's Action Plan will shape VAT in Europe

18 February 2016

10:00-14:00

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Moderated by **Ralph Korf** – Federation of European Accountants, Chair of the VAT Taskforce and VAT Expert

10:00 - 10:30 Registration

10:30 – 10:35 Opening and welcome

Petr Kriz - Federation of European Accountants, President

10:35 – 11:15 Keynote address: Examining the options

Donato Raponi - European Commission, Head of Unit VAT DG TAXUD

11:15 – 12:45 Panel: What changes to the European VAT system may mean in practice

Donato Raponi - European Commission, Head of Unit VAT DG TAXUD

lan Broadhurst - Senior Policy Manager, and Head of VAT International, HMRC (UK)

Eilis Quinlan - Federation of European Accountants, SMP Forum member

Mark Hammond-Giles – General Electric (GE), Global VAT/GST Technical & Policy Manager

Christine Weinzierl - Federation of European Accountants, VAT Task Force member

12:45 – 13:45 **Lunch and networking**

14:00 **Closing**

Practical information

Wifi access is available for all participants. Information on how to connect is available at the registration desk or posted on the walls.

Taxi bookings can be made at the hotel's reception desk in the lobby.

Moderator



Ralph Korf is sole tax practitioner in Munich. Having finished his law studies in Bonn, Cologne and Milan in 1987, he joined Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co (now KPMG) in Hamburg. He was admitted to the bar as "Rechtsanwalt" (lawyer) and passed the tax adviser's exam ("Steuerberater"). His work consisted mainly of tasks in the field of international taxation. In 1992, he joined PwC in Munich, where he focused on indirect tax and was admitted to partnership in 1997. In 2009, he retired and started his sole practice. He is a member of various indirect tax expert groups, as well as a regular speaker at seminars – including training courses of the German Federal Tax Academy - and conferences in Germany and abroad. He is co-author of a commentary on the German VAT Act and author of many articles about VAT.

Opening and welcome



Petr Kriz is the current president of the Federation of European Accountants (2015 - 2016). Petr is Partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Prague, focused on Financial Services in the Czech Republic. He is also responsible for Technical, Regulatory and Public Policy Affairs. Petr is qualified Czech auditor and fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (UK). He has long-term experience in leading audits and financial reporting advisory projects of Czech, and international and central banks. He managed numerous projects for the Czech Ministry of Finance, World Bank, Central Bank and other international institutions. He is also member of the Commission for Coordination and Cooperation with the audit profession of the Audit Public Oversight Council, Board member of the Charles University of Prague, and member of the Scientific Council of the Finance and Accounting Faculty of the Prague University of Economics. He served as FEE Banks Working Party Chair and is former President of the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic.

Keynote address: Examining the options



Donato Raponi joined the European Commission in 1980 and is currently Head of the VAT Unit. He worked in the Budget, Internal Market and Taxation Directorates. In the area of taxation policy he served in different posts, e.g. administrator, assistant to the Director, deputy Head of the VAT Unit, Head of the Unit dealing with excise duties, environment, transport and energy duties and Head of tax administration and anti fiscal fraud Unit.

Donato Raponi holds a Masters degree in European tax law (droit fiscal européen approfondi). He is professor of European tax law at ESSF (Executive Master International Taxation, Brussels). He is Co-Author of the book "Arriva l'euro" (Carmenta Editor) and numerous articles in tax matters.

What changes to the European VAT system may mean in practice



lan Broadhurst has worked for HMRC and its predecessor department, Customs & Excise, for over 20 years. He has worked in a number of different roles. For the first half of his career, Ian carried out various operational audit and compliance roles across a number of indirect taxes, but primarily VAT, and across a wide range of businesses. Since 2002 he has worked in a number of different policy areas, again primarily in VAT, but he has also worked on other tax policy issues. More recently, Ian was seconded to the UK's Treasury department for three years, where he led on domestic VAT matters. Having now returned to HMRC, Ian currently heads up the VAT International Team which deals with VAT issues arising in the EU and other international fora such as the OECD. Most recently he took the lead for the UK regarding the amendments to the VAT Implementing Regulation that support the 2015 place of supply changes. He is also the UK's delegate to the VAT Committee and the EU VAT Forum.



Eilis Quinlan is principal of Quinlan and Co. Accountancy and Auditing practice based outside of Dublin, employing ten people. In 2010 she was appointed to the Government's Advisory Management Development Council by then Minister for Enterprise Trade and Employment. She sits on the ACCA Global Forum for SME's and is an ACCA representative to FEE (Federation of European Accountants) SMP Forum based in Brussels. In 2015 she was appointed to the Board of the SBCI (Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland), a Government initiative to encourage SME lending. Eilis Quinlan is a regular contributor to national television and radio programmes on SME issues, current affairs and taxation, hold various non-executive directorships in the charity space, and is a current member of Mensa.



Mark Hammond-Giles became a VAT practitioner in 1998 and spent 8 years in the Big Four dealing in particular with international VAT issues, financial services and real estate transactions. He joined GE Capital in 2007 working in the Corporate Financial Services business and now operates across the full breadth of GE's industrial and capital activities. He provides advice to GE businesses across the world managing VAT and ensuring compliance obligations are met. Mark is actively involved in federations, industry and expert groups on a national and international level to support and define VAT policies and strategies.



Christine Wienzierl is a partner and the leader of the Austrian Indirect Taxes network. She has more than 24 years experience in advising national and multinational companies. Christine's areas of expertise include VAT consulting and VAT outsourcing.

Christine is registered as a Certified Public Accountant and as a Tax Advisor with the Austrian Chamber of Public Accountants. She is the Austrian delegate to the VAT Task Force of FEE (Fédération des Experts Comptables Européenns) and a member of the VAT working group of the Tax Experts Board of the Austrian Chamber of Accountants and of the tax policy group of the Federation of Austrian Industries.

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