



## Programme

### FEE Tax Day 2009

### Simple, fair, coordinated – tax Utopia in the EU?

**Date:** Thursday, 1 October 2009

**Venue:** Royal Museum of Art and History, Parc du Cinquantenaire 10, 1000 Brussels

9.30	Registration and welcome coffee	
10.15	Opening and welcome	Hans van Damme, FEE President
10.20	Keynote address (video): The future of EU tax policy	László Kovács, European Commissioner for Taxation and Customs
10.30	<b>Taxpayers and taxpayers – all together in the same fiscal arena</b>	
	Introduction: “Fair tax” and how to get there	Chas Roy-Chowdhury, FEE Tax Working Parties
	Tax planning – the fine line between tax avoidance and tax evasion	Professor Luc de Broe, University of Leuven, Belgium
	From enhanced cooperation to tax partnership – The Tax Administration perspective	Chris Tailby, ex HM Revenue & Customs, UK
	From distrust to trust and partnership – The Business perspective	Roelof Hoving, Staples International, Netherlands
	Risk management and professional ethics	Michael Niehues, FEE Ethics Working Party
	Discussions, Q & A	
12.00	<b>Networking lunch and political debate: What role for tax policy in the globalised economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?</b>	Stephen Bill, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner László Kovács Professor Johanna Hey, University Cologne, Germany Olivier Boutellis-Taft, FEE CEO



13.30	<b>Indirect Tax: Can it be fair and simple?</b>	
	Short introduction	Stephen Dale, FEE Indirect Tax Working Party
	The Business perspective	Chris Needham, General Electric, UK
	Influence of the ECJ on Indirect Tax Policy	Paul Farmer, Dorsey & Whitney, UK
	International VAT/GST guidelines – a reality or Utopia?	David Holmes, OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration
	A European environmental tax?	Johan van der Paal, Deloitte, Belgium
	Discussion, Q & A	
15.00	Coffee break	
15.30	<b>Direct Tax: Does Europe need a common corporate tax?</b>	
	Short introduction	Stefano Marchese, FEE Vice-President
	Business perspective: Tax competition and tax rate trends	Krister Andersson, BUSINESSEUROPE
	Academic views: CCCTB	Professor Christoph Spengel, University Mannheim, Germany
	Tax coordination based on ECJ case law?	Jean-Marie Coughon, FEE Direct Tax Working Party
	Professional perspective: Can taxation be reformed in Europe?	Friedrich Roedler, FEE Direct Tax Working Party
	Discussion, Q & A	
17.00	<b>Wrap-up and conclusions plus Reactions of the European Commission</b>	Stefano Marchese, FEE Vice-President  Philip Kermode, European Commission, Director Analysis and tax policies
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