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## “Future of VAT” Roundtable

### A New Approach for Co-Operation Between Taxpayers and Taxation Authorities - VAT Cross-Border Rulings

Tuesday 18 November 2014  
Martin's Brussels EU Hotel  
Boulevard Charlemagne 80, 1000 Bruxelles

### Programme

10.30 **Registration and coffee**

11.00 **Opening and welcome**

*André Killesse*, FEE President

11.10 **Session I and Q&A**

#### VAT Cross Border Rulings – The test case facts and the future

*Hélène Michard and Luk Vandenberghe* – European Commission, DG Taxation and Customs Union, Unit 'Tax administration and fight against tax fraud'

11.30 **Session II and Q&A**

Moderated by Ralph Korf - Chair of the FEE VAT Taskforce

#### What are the benefits of Cross Border Rulings?

*Jean-Claude Semucyo* – International VAT Section, Belgium Tax Authority

*Miguel Pinto* – Deputy Director General, Portuguese Tax and Customs Authority

*Jesus Pallares de Cangas* – Head of Services in the area of VAT, Spanish Tax Agency

*Mark Hammond Giles* – Global VAT/GST Technical & Policy Manager, GE

*Ann Ling* – Operations Manager, Clearances Team, HMRC (UK)

12.30 **Lunch**

### 13.30 **Session III Panel debate and Q&A**

Moderated by Ralph Korf – Chair of the FEE VAT Taskforce

#### **Searching for certainty - the case for enhanced cross-border co-operation between taxpayers and tax authorities**

##### *1st section: The Shopping List – can Tax Authorities Deliver all that Business Desires?*

**Mark Hammond Giles** – Global VAT/GST Technical & Policy Manager, GE Capital  
- Wish list for the future of CBR

**Jean-Claude Semucyo** – International VAT Section, Belgium Tax Authority  
- What do tax authorities need from business?

**Ian Broadhurst** – Senior Policy Manager, and Head of VAT International, HMRC (UK)  
- Can businesses' expectations be met?

##### *2nd section: The Way Forward – can the existing relationship be improved?*

**René van der Paardt** – Erasmus University Rotterdam & Loyens Loeff  
– Transforming the relationship between taxpayers and taxation authorities

**Ine Lejeune** – Partner, Attorney, Law Square  
– The challenges for practitioners in a globalised world

**Eilis Quinlan** – Principal Quinlan & Co Accountants  
– The SME and SMP perspective on dealing with cross-border issues

### 15.00 **Concluding remarks**

**Olivier Boutellis-Taft**, FEE CEO

### 15.15 **Closing**