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ECOFIN Meeting on Digital Taxation & the EU 'Blacklist'

At its [meeting on 17 May](#), the Economic and Social Affairs Council discussed the digital taxation in the EU and international context. Ministers reopened the discussion on the long-term comprehensive solutions addressing both the challenges of taxation in the digitalised economy and broader issues related to the allocation of taxing rights and tax competition. Considering the divergent views among EU Member states, the Council debate was without any firm conclusions. The Council presidency and the Commission presented the main outcomes of the G20, IMF and World Bank spring meetings and finalised the preparations for the June G20 meeting in Japan, where the OECD is expected to publish a detailed programme on digital taxation. The OECD task force aims at producing the final report by 2020.

The Council also [decided](#) to amend the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for taxation purposes, removing Aruba, Barbados and Bermuda from the EU blacklist. As a result, 12 jurisdictions remain on the list of non-cooperative jurisdictions: American Samoa, Belize, Dominica, Fiji, Guam, Marshall Islands, Oman, Samoa, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, US Virgin Islands and Vanuatu. The Council will continue to regularly review and update the list in 2019, whilst it has requested a more stable process as from 2020 (two updates per year).

The Council adopted conclusions on the outcomes of the in-depth reviews and the implementation of the 2018 country-specific recommendations in the framework of the European Semester exercise for 2019. The country reports indicate that all member states have made progress in implementing country-specific recommendations, although the rate of progress varies.



"This Time I Am Voting" - European Parliament Elections 2019

The European elections will take place on 23-26 May 2019 giving all EU citizens with a right to vote the opportunity to select who will represent them in the European Parliament. CFE Tax Advisers Europe is among the partner-organisations of the European Parliament that promotes the importance of voting on this election. More information on the voting process can be found at the European Parliament's ["This time I am voting"](#) page, a non-

partisan platform dedicated to promote the importance of EU citizens in taking an active role on deciding the future of the European Union.

On 15 May 2019 the Presidential Debate between the lead candidates took place in the European Parliament in Brussels, and the EU citizens had the opportunity to discover where the candidates stand on a range of issues. It transpires from this debate, and the manifestos of all candidates, that taxation policy will remain a priority in the next EU Commission agenda. All candidates were in agreement of the need for EU-wide digital tax to avoid fragmentation of the Single Market. For a 10-minute recap of where candidates stand on taxation policy, please follow this [link](#).



DG TAXUD Survey on Dissemination Tools in the Area of Taxation

The European Commission has launched [an online survey](#) targeting users of DG TAXUD's dissemination tools. The Commission enquires about the stakeholders' experiences of use of each of the DG TAXUD's dissemination tools, such as the user's experiences with the Taxes in Europe Database, the Taxation Trends Report, the Tax Policies in the EU Survey and the Taxation Papers series.

The evaluation aims to help the Commission to improve the organisational and communication aspects of those tools, and will strengthen the evidence base for the dissemination tools at EU level. We invite you to partake in the survey and help the European Commission get better understanding of the use of these platforms.



CFE Forum on 06 June 2019 in Brussels - Limited Places Available

The CFE Tax Advisers Europe Forum will take place on 06 June 2019 in Brussels, this year entitled "Creating Tax Certainty in an Uncertain World: Double Taxation, Tax Rulings & Dispute Resolution Processes".

An excellent line-up of speakers will discuss and analyse current means of avoiding tax disputes and examine the OECD and EU dispute resolution mechanisms. Tax certainty issues related to the State Aid challenges of tax rulings and advance pricing agreements (APAs) will also be discussed.

Interested attendees from the EU institutions, other public institutions, Member states' representations to the European Union and journalists can attend free of charge. Please contact the CFE Brussels office for more details at info@taxadviserseurope.org.

There are a few places available, register now to avoid disappointment! More details about the Forum programme and registration process can be found [here](#).



OECD Publishes Tax Morale Submissions

The OECD has published the [submissions](#) received in response to the public consultation on the draft report on tax morale.

The consultation was launched following a [Public Consultation Document](#) which updates previous OECD research on tax morale in individuals and, additionally, presents a new business section, using OECD tax certainty data to discuss business tax morale in developing countries. The forthcoming publication, entitled “What is driving tax morale? An empirical analysis on social preferences and attitudes towards taxation” is expected to be published later in 2019.

The comments submitted from CFE on behalf of the Global Tax Advisers Platform can be viewed on our [website](#).



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