

# CFE's Tax Top 5

## KEY TAX NEWS OF THE WEEK

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### ECOFIN Report to EU Council on Tax Issues

The ECOFIN Council has issued a draft [report](#) providing an overview of the progress on tax policy work achieved under the Croatian Presidency of the EU. The report highlights in particular the agreement reached on the legislative package on mandatory transmission and exchange of VAT relevant payment information, the adoption of the directive on the common system of value added tax as regards the special scheme for small enterprises, the conclusions on the future evolution of administrative cooperation in the field of taxation in the EU and the negotiations on amending the administrative cooperation directive to defer deadlines for exchange of information as a result of the coronavirus crisis.

The report also contains a detailed update concerning other significant tax files, such as CCTB, the EU digital taxation package and the EU position on international negotiations and progress on the VAT Action Plan. Germany will take over the presidency of the European Union on 1 July 2020.



### The Netherlands Publishes DAC6 Guidance

The Netherlands has published [guidance](#) concerning the Directive as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation in relation to reportable cross-border arrangements, commonly referred to as "DAC6".

Members States had until 31 December 2019 to implement the Directive into domestic legislation. Given that all arrangements initiated after 25 June 2018 that fall within the scope of the Directive are reportable, there have been increased calls for the Commission to issue technical guidance to provide more clarity for tax advisers in the course of transposition of the directive. In late 2019, CFE, together with the European Contact Group (ECG) and the European Group of International Accounting Networks and Associations (EGIAN), sent a joint letter to the European Commission and members of Working Party IV encouraging the Commission and the Member States to continue their efforts to provide more guidance and clarification in the process of implementing DAC6.

CFE will conduct a survey concerning the implementation and practical reporting requirements of implementing legislation in 2020.

### Council of EU Approves Conclusions on Future Administrative Cooperation in Taxation



The Council of the European Union has now approved [conclusions](#) on the future of administrative cooperation in taxation in the EU. The conclusions state that the Council believe that strengthening cooperation is *“a very important part of the comprehensive EU effort to curb tax fraud, tax evasion and tax avoidance”* and *“are particularly relevant in the context of the need for recovery from the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic”*.

The Council also urges the European Commission to *“establish a common standard at EU level for the reporting and tax information exchange mechanisms”* concerning digital platforms, and states that *“EU legislation on tax transparency and exchange of information continues to build on the international consensus reached in the OECD fora”*.



## UN Committee of Tax Experts Invites Input on Session Papers

The UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation on Tax Matters has published the [agenda and session papers](#) ahead of their 20<sup>th</sup> Session meeting, to be held virtually between 22 and 26 June.

The session will address progress on updating the Model Double Taxation Convention and Transfer Pricing Manual, as well as on new guides being developed on tax dispute avoidance and resolution and environmental taxation. Issues related to the digitalisation of the economy and sustainable development goals will also be discussed at the Session.

Comments can be submitted concerning the Session papers until 15 June 2020 via e-mail to [taxcommittee@un.org](mailto:taxcommittee@un.org).



## Platform for Collaboration on Tax Issues Toolkit on the Taxation of Offshore Indirect Transfers

The Platform for Collaboration on Tax Issues have issued a [Toolkit](#) on the Taxation of Offshore Indirect Transfers, concerning the design and implementation issues on taxing offshore indirect transfers.

The Toolkit aims in particular at addressing concerns of developing countries which are rich in natural resources, surrounding the indirect transfer of assets related to the natural resources, and suggests models for domestic legislation incorporating taxation of offshore indirect transfers.



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