



Federal Ministry
of Finance



Invitation

The Federal Ministry of Finance
cordially invites you to the

7th International Tax Symposium

**“Fair taxation for a strong Europe –
Germany’s presidency of the Council of the EU in 2020”**

via Webex conference

Tuesday, 15 December 2020
9.30 am – 4.00 pm

Organised in cooperation with the German IFA  branch.

Over 130 countries are currently engaged in efforts to change the way taxing rights are distributed and to introduce a global minimum effective tax. The objective of an effective minimum tax is to combat harmful tax arbitrage and to ensure that multinational corporations pay their fair share of the revenue that is needed to finance government functions. One of the key aims of Germany's Presidency of the Council of the EU in the second half of 2020 is to make further progress in efforts to introduce a minimum effective tax.

The work that is being done to change taxation standards shows not only that efficient administrative cooperation is essential for ensuring the equitable implementation of tax law, but also that it is imperative to strengthen legal certainty for taxpayers. During its Presidency, Germany also wants to make progress on the expansion of the EU Directive on Administrative Cooperation to include provisions on joint audits and the exchange of information relating to online platforms and their users, as they have been proposed in an amended version of the Directive on Administrative Cooperation (DAC 7).

The Federal Finance Ministry's 7th International Tax Symposium will provide a forum for engaging in an in-depth examination and discussion of the German Presidency's results in the area of direct tax policy. The Federal Finance Ministry, in cooperation with IFA Germany, looks forward to welcoming you to this event online.

Programme

9.30 am Welcoming remarks

Rolf Bösing, State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance, Berlin

9.40 am Opening address

Martin Kreienbaum, Federal Ministry of Finance, Berlin

10.00 am “A global level playing field – the concept of a minimum effective tax“

Chair

Martin Kreienbaum, Federal Ministry of Finance, Berlin

Discussants

Pascal Saint-Amans, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Paris

Prof. *Wolfgang Schön*, Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance, Munich

Berthold Welling, Verband der Chemischen Industrie (German Chemical Industry Association), Frankfurt

Prof. *Sol Picciotto*, Tax Justice Network, Lancaster University, Lancaster

Wendelin Staats, Federal Ministry of Finance, Berlin

11.30 am Break

11.50 am “A minimum tax in Europe – a path towards new corporate tax legislation?“

Chair

Daniel Fehling, Federal Ministry of Finance, Berlin

Discussants

Benjamin Angel, European Commission, Brussels

Prof. *Juliane Kokott*, Advocate General, European Court of Justice, Luxembourg

Prof. *Christian Kaeser*, Siemens, Munich

Andreas Benecke, Federal Ministry of Finance, Berlin

1.10 pm Lunchbreak

2.25 pm “Strengthening administrative cooperation in Europe“

Chair

Ernst Czakert, Federal Ministry of Finance, Berlin

Discussants

Reinhard Biebel, European Commission, Brussels

Prof. Ekkehart Reimer, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg

Sylvia Heckmeier, Merck, Darmstadt

Thomas Eisgruber, Federal Ministry of Finance, Berlin

3.45 pm Summary of discussions

Martin Kreienbaum, Federal Ministry of Finance, Berlin

4.00 pm End of symposium

The symposium will be conducted in English only.

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by 8 December 2020 at the latest. You will then receive confirmation of your registration and will be sent the login credentials to access the Webex conference shortly before the event.