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Organisers



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**PROGRAMME**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014 / 2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.**

**WELCOME**

*Lenka Fialková, President of IFA Czech Republic*

*Porus Kaka, President of the International Fiscal Association*

*Włodzimierz Nykiel, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, IFA Poland*

*Dean of the Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague*

**HOW CAN HONEST TAXABLE PERSONS PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST VAT FRAUD?**

Our panellists will discuss how to recognize VAT fraud and what are the responsibilities and obligations of the taxpayers and what measures they have to implement in order to protect themselves against being involved in a VAT fraud.

Chair: *Hannes Gurtner, LeitnerLeitner, Austria*

Speakers: *Radek Hála, Ministry of Finance, Czech Republic*

*Stefan Maunz, KMLZ, Member of VAT Expert Group of the EU Commission, Germany*

*Tomasz Michalik, MDDP, Poland*

*Kinga Palotai, Ministry of Finance, Hungary*

*Donato Raponi, VAT Department, EU Commission*

*After the session all participants are cordially invited to a Cocktail reception.*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014 / 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

**OECD'S BASE EROSION AND PROFIT SHIFTING ACTION PLAN:**

**THE ROUTE TOWARDS GLOBALLY ADDRESSING BASE EROSION AND PROFIT SHIFTING?**

The BEPS session is aimed at clarifying the position of the OECD and tax administrations of various jurisdictions on tax planning strategies, which are addressed by the BEPS report.

Chair: *Porus Kaka, President of the International Fiscal Association*

Speakers: *Marlies De Ruiter, OECD*

*Zdeněk Hrdlička, Ministry of Finance, Czech Republic*

*Borbála Kolozs, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary*

*Andrzej Punczewicz, Crido Taxand, Poland*

*Caroline Silberztein, Baker & McKenzie, France*

## **TRANSFER PRICING ISSUES**

The panel will address fundamental transfer pricing issues, such as economic substance in the transfer pricing framework, relevance of contractual arrangements, conduct of the parties and people functions. It will also focus on tax risks relating to intangibles and interest deductibility in financial transactions. Leading international judgments on transfer pricing will be explained on case studies.

Chair: *Xaver Ditz, Flick Gocke Schaumburg, Germany*  
Speakers: *Radim Bláha, General Financial Directorate, Czech Republic*  
*Renata Bláhová, BMB Leitner, Slovak Republic*  
*Marlies De Ruiter, OECD*  
*Monika Laskowska, Ministry of Finance, Poland*  
*Caroline Silberstein, Baker & McKenzie, France*

## **MUTUAL AGREEMENT PROCEDURE UNDER DTT OR UNDER ARBITRATION CONVENTION OR DOMESTIC LITIGATION - WHICH WAY TO GO IN THE CEE REGION?**

International tax planning strategies resulting in arbitrage often lead to MNEs' tax returns being challenged by tax authorities in multiple jurisdictions. Is this an issue in CEE? How should a strategy be tailored to potential multi-jurisdictional disputes in the region? A panel of tax officials, tax practitioners and academics will look into a case study and identify the most important issues that need to be taken into consideration when formulating a strategy.

Chair: *Dariusz Wasylkowski, Wardyński & Partners, Poland*  
Speakers: *Xaver Ditz, Flick Gocke Schaumburg, Germany*  
*Cezary Krysiak, Ministry of Finance, Poland*  
*Alin Irimia, Transfer Pricing Services, Romania*  
*Michal Roháček, General Financial Directorate, Czech Republic*

*After the session all participants are cordially invited to **get together with the members of the IFA Permanent Scientific Committee** at a Cocktail Reception.*

The congress will be held **in English with a simultaneous translation into Czech.**

## **REGISTRATION**

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