

Public hearing - Simpler Withholding Tax Procedures for Europe

30 January 2018

Albert Borschette Congress Center, A0 (Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels)

9.00 – 13.00

AGENDA

1) Registration of participants [9.00- 10.00]

2) Introductory remarks by VP Dombrovskis [10.00-10.10]

Why the Code is a major step in tackling burdensome WHT procedures? – Capital Market Union action

3) Panel discussion –Withholding tax procedures

Why they do harm? Can the Code help? [10.10-11.20]

Chair: *Mr John Berrigan*, Deputy Director-General, DG FISMA

Panellists:

Ms Merje Roomet, Chief expert at Estonian Tax and Customs Board, Member of the Fiscalis Project Group

Mr Matti Leppälä, Secretary General/CEO, PensionsEurope

Mr Marcello Topa, EMEA Market Policy and Strategy Director, Citi (European Post Trade Forum member)

Ms Silke Bruns, Head of Unit at the German Ministry of Finance, Member of the Fiscalis Project Group

Mr Paddy Ryan, Senior Tax Advisor, Dividend Withholding Tax Refunds Processing Unit, Tax Authority, Ireland

Coffee break [11.20-11.35]

4) Panel discussion - Implementation of the Code of Conduct on WHT

How to ensure that the Code actually leads to change - Actions and commitments needed to implement the Code [11.35-12.45]

Chair: *Mr Valère Moutarlier*, Director, DG TAXUD

Panellists:

Ms Tove Maria Ryding, Tax Justice Coordinator at the European Network on Debt and Development

Mr Peter de Proft, Director General, European Fund and Asset Management Association (EFAMA)

Mr Guillaume Prache, Managing Director, Better Finance

Mr Joël Merère, Independent member of the Eurosystem Market Infrastructure Board (T2S); T2S member of the European Post-Trade Forum

Mr Morten Winther, Business Developer, Tax Authority Denmark

5) Concluding remarks [12.45 – 13.00]

Mr Valère Moutarlier, Director, DG TAXUD

Lunch break [13. 00-14.00]