

# **ACCOUNTANCY EUROPE**

## **WHO ARE WE?**

For over 30 years <u>Accountancy Europe</u> has represented European professional accountants. It currently unites <u>51 professional organisations</u> from 35 countries that represent 1 million qualified accountants, auditors and advisors. Accountancy Europe is in the EU Transparency Register (No 4713568401-18).

## WHAT DOES ACCOUNTANCY EUROPE DO?

As Accountancy Europe, we translate the daily experience of professional accountants from across Europe to inform the European policy debate. We do this in the <u>areas</u> in which our profession can contribute most, namely: sustainable finance, SMEs, tax, reporting and audit.

# WHAT DO ACCOUNTANTS DO?

Good decisions start with reliable information. Qualified accountants measure, disclose and add credibility to organisational data to support decisionmakers in the public and private sectors. They provide the transparency, trust and integrity that help markets function.

Accountants, auditors and advisors work in diverse capacities and sectors: in accountancy firms of all sizes, SMEs, large companies, governments and local authorities, non-profit organisations, education, etc. Their expertise spreads widely in areas such as finance, corporate social responsibility, statutory audit, tax and financial advice, good governance, HR, assurance services and consultancy.

## **ACCOUNTANCY EUROPE'S TAX WORK**

We believe that efficient, effective and adaptable tax systems are essential to ensure that governments can deliver public services, to facilitate cross-border trade, and enhance competitiveness. The accountancy profession interacts with national and international tax systems in many ways, contributing to society by assisting taxpayers to meet their obligations and policymakers to reach their objectives.

Accountancy Europe has contributed for many years to European and international tax initiatives and discussions through its Tax Policy Group and VAT Task Force. Apart from providing technical input on European and international tax matters, we have also been active in many tax policy issues such as promoting tax transparency and enhanced cooperation between taxpayers and tax authorities.

Our current focus is on how tax systems can be more sustainable - adapting to new business models and technology and helping deal with such challenges as climate change and social inequality.

We continue to bring the profession's expertise to many European Expert Groups, including the European Commission's VAT Expert Group, VAT Forum and the Platform for Tax Good Governance.

Our tax work can be found at <a href="https://www.accountancyeurope.eu/topic/tax/">https://www.accountancyeurope.eu/topic/tax/</a>

