

## ABOUT US - INFORMATION ON CONFÉDÉRATION FISCALE EUROPÉENNEE

CFE Tax Advisers Europe is a non-profit organisation representing European tax advisers. CFE was originally founded in Paris in 1959 and re-established in 2011 as an international non-profit organisation under Belgian law, based in Brussels. CFE represents over 30 national professional tax adviser organisations from 23 European countries, representing more than 200,000 tax advisers. CFE does not represent the views of any particular industry or country, but takes a broader European perspective concerning the work it undertakes.

CFE is widely recognised as a European leader in tax knowledge, to the benefit of our Member organisations and all relevant stakeholders. Our role as an organisation is indispensable in providing a single voice of the tax advisers in the relevant international fora. CFE aims are: to safeguard the professional interests of tax advisers; to exchange information on national tax laws and contribute to the development of tax law in Europe; to maintain relations with the authorities at national and international levels, and share with the authorities of the European Union the experience and insight of our member tax advisers from all areas of taxation and professional law; to promote the co-ordination of national laws governing the profession, and to achieve the protection of each national tax adviser's title in Europe; to inform the public about the services that tax advisers provide; and to seek to provide the best possible conditions for tax advisers to carry out their profession.

The governing body of CFE is the General Assembly, at which all member organisations and observer organisations are represented. The Executive Board is responsible for devising the work priorities and output of CFE Tax Advisers Europe and reports to the General Assembly. Work is managed through three technical committees, the Fiscal Committee, the Professional Affairs Committee, and the Tax Technology Committee, which are each chaired by a member of the Board.

CFE's Fiscal Committee is comprised of two Sub-Committees: the Direct Taxes Subcommittee and Indirect Taxes Subcommittee which monitor and respond to taxation developments in the EU and worldwide. The Fiscal Committee also comprises an ad hoc working group, the ECJ Task Force, a group of tax academics and renowned tax practitioners which meets regularly to discuss and issue Opinion Statements on selected decisions of the Court of Justice of the European Union. The Professional Affairs Committee engages in policy areas that concern and affect the exercise of the tax advisory profession, such as ethics, professional codes and qualification requirements, reporting requirements, cooperative compliance, amongst many others. The Tax Technology Committee was established in 2018 as a response to the importance of digitalisation and the impacts of technology on taxation and the way the tax profession is carried out.

The CFE Technical Committees produce <u>technical position papers</u> which are sent to significant EU and global stakeholders, including the European and OECD institutions, concerning tax policy developments and matters concerning the professional affairs of tax advisers or way technology impacts on the tax profession. In addition, the leading European tax law journal European Taxation, edited by IBFD, regularly publishes CFE Opinion Statements and articles on CFE conferences.

CFE is an active member of multiple taxation expert stakeholder groups, including the European Commission Platform for Tax Good Governance, Aggressive Tax Planning and Double Taxation, the European Commission VAT Expert Group and the UN Committee of Experts in International Cooperation in Tax Matters.

CFE is also a founding member of the Global Tax Advisers Platform (GTAP), an international platform representing more than 700,000 tax advisers in Europe, Asia and Africa, that seeks to bring together national and international organisations of tax professionals from around the world. The principal aim of GTAP is to promote taxpayer and tax advisers' interests by ensuring the fair and efficient operation of the global tax framework, including recognition of the rights and interests of taxpayers, and the role of tax professionals.