



WHO ARE WE?

The European Tax Adviser Federation (ETAF) was established as an international non-profit organisation (AISBL) under Belgian law in December 2015 and is headquartered in Brussels. ETAF serves as the European umbrella organisation for over **220 000 tax professionals** whose activities are regulated by law across Germany, France, Belgium, Romania, Hungary, Austria and Croatia. Our federation is duly registered in the EU Transparency Register under the identification number 760084520382- 92.

Our members are the following professional chambers of tax advisers:

- **The Bundessteuerberaterkammer** (BStBK, Germany),
- **The Deutscher Steuerberaterverband** (DStV, Germany),
- **The Conseil National de l'Ordre des Experts-Comptables** (CNOEC, France),
- **The Institute for Tax Advisors and Accountants** (ITAA, Belgium),
- **The Corpul Expertilor Contabili și Contabililor Autorizați din România** (CECCAR, Romania),
- **The Magyar Okleveles Adószakértők Egyesülete** (MOKLASZ, Hungary),
- **The Kammer der Steuerberater und Wirtschaftsprüfer** (KSW, Austria),
- **The Hrvatska komora poreznih savjetnika** (HKPS, Croatia – observer member).

WHAT IS ETAF MISSION?

The main mission of ETAF is to represent the **regulated tax profession** at European level in liaising closely with European policy makers in order to promote good legislation in tax and professional matters. ETAF also attaches a strong importance to the promotion of national binding professional law frameworks in Europe. By defending independence and confidentiality for tax practitioners and pursuing sustainable professional regulations, ETAF aims to ensure the basic freedom for the profession to exercise its activities in the internal market and to contribute thus to the safety and benefit of taxpayers in Europe.

HOW DOES ETAF WORK?

ETAF is administered by its **Board**, composed of its President, Mr Philippe Arraou (CNOEC), and currently five other Board members: Mr Volker Kaiser (BStBK), Mr Michael Korth (DStV), Mr Benoît Vanderstichelen (ITAA), Mr Robert Sova (CECCAR) and Ms Andrea Rabb (MOKLASZ). The Board meets regularly to determine ETAF's most important concerns, develop opinion statements, plan our conferences and discuss current European tax and professional law issues. In accordance with the objectives and the strategy defined by the Board, the day-to-day work of the federation is prepared by the **ETAF Secretariat** in Brussels, headed by Mr Michael Schick.

WHAT DOES ETAF DO IN TAXATION?

Since its foundation, ETAF has participated in many tax public consultations launched by the European Commission, providing feedback and **position papers** in the area of corporate taxation, VAT, administrative cooperation in the field of taxation, tax transparency and fight against tax evasion and avoidance. ETAF is also an active member of the European Commission's **VAT Expert Group** and the **E-invoicing Technical Advisory Group**.

ETAF members support a fair market competition by taxing the digital economy, a definitive and modernised VAT system to facilitate EU cross-border transactions and the fight against tax fraud, a common consolidated corporate tax base to strengthen tax compliance and transparency of multinationals as well as a consistent and permanent rationalisation of EU tax reporting requirements.