

10th CFE Professional Affairs Conference

Tax is Going Digital: Are Tax Advisers Ready?

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The 10th CFE Professional Affairs Conference deals with the topic of digitalisation of tax services and the opportunities for tax professionals arising therefrom and the evolution of artificial intelligence. The digital age is rapidly transforming the relationship between tax professional, taxpayers and the tax administrations.

With a potential to revolutionise the tax industry, digitalisation poses many policy and practical questions and challenges for tax professionals still:

- ☑ How to better understand the challenges for tax systems posed by digitalisation?
- ☑ How the law is adapting to the digital reality- do regulators have a plan for the 'new era'?
- ☑ In what ways can tax professionals be innovative to leverage on the digital opportunities?
- ☑ Can digitalisation reduce the size of the tax advisory industry?
- ☑ What has been the policy response of the European Union, OECD, national governments?
- ☑ Have companies advanced in harnessing the digital disruption potential?
- ☑ Should we tax robots? How do we use, regulate and control artificial intelligence?

PANEL I



Panel I examines the changing landscape of tax systems and policy in light of digitalisation and artificial intelligence developments, examining the regulatory aspects and how tax systems are adapting to the new digital reality.

PANEL II



Panel II focuses on the merits of digital disruption and whether the resistance to digital technology is still as insidious nowadays, and how digitalisation projects transform companies and tax administrations.

PANEL III



Panel III addresses the challenges for the tax advisory profession stemming from digitalisation and artificial intelligence, analysing the risks and opportunities for professionals.

Conference Programme

09h00 Registration/ Welcome Refreshments

09h30 **Opening Remarks**
Piergiorgio Valente, President of the CFE
Petra Pospíšilová, President of the Czech Chamber of Tax Advisers (KDPČR) and Vice-President of CFE

10h00 **Panel I How are tax systems adapting to the digital reality?**

Tomas Balco, Head of Unit, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD
Benjamin Alarie, Professor of Tax Law, University of Toronto
Eric Dankaart, Partner, PwC, The Netherlands

Moderation: Wim Gohres, Chairman of CFE Professional Affairs Committee

12h30 Lunch

13h15 **Panel II The pace and scale of tax digitalisation**

Xavier Oberson, Professor of Tax Law, University of Geneva
John Higgins CBE, Senior Advisor, Burson-Marsteller
Richard Wild, Head of Tax Technical, Chartered Institute of Taxation, UK

Moderation: Wim Gohres, Chairman of the CFE Professional Affairs Committee

15h00 Coffee Break

15h15 **Panel III How is digitalisation affecting professionals: is the tax profession ready?**

Dita Charanzová, Member of the European Parliament
Jaroslav Beneš, Chief Technology Officer Tax & Legal, Deloitte
Jiří Teichmann, Tax Adviser, Czech Chamber of Tax Advisers (KDPČR)

Moderation: Petra Pospíšilová, President of the Czech Chamber of Tax Advisers

16h50 **Closing Remarks**
Ian Hayes, First Vice-President of CFE

17h00 End of conference