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## The Brussels Tax Forum 2010

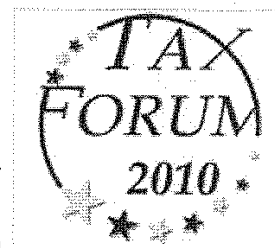
**Brussels, 1-2 March 2010**

### Tax Policies For A Post-Crisis World


The Brussels Tax Forum is an annual conference that brings together policy makers, experts, stakeholders and the general public from all over the world to discuss tax issues of particular political and general interest. The Brussels Tax Forum is hosted in Brussels by the EU Commissioner responsible for Taxation and Customs Union.

The topic chosen for 2010 is '**Tax Policies For A Post-Crisis World**'. The conference will focus on the lessons to be learned from the crisis for tax policy, how to reform in the current context, and which reforms to implement.

The Brussels Tax Forum takes place in Brussels on 1 and 2 March 2010.



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Deadline is 19  
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The Brussels Tax Forum  
Le Forum Fiscal de Bruxelles  
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## **PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

### **Tax Policies for A Post-Crisis World**

Brussels, Charlemagne building  
March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010

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13.00 Registration opening  
14.00 Welcome coffee

**Opening Session**

14.30-14.50 Opening of the Conference by N.N.\*, EU Commissioner for Taxation and Customs Union  
14.50-15.10 Opening Speech by **Sharon Bowles**, Chairwoman of the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs  
15.10-15.30 Opening Speech by **Carlos Ocaña**, Spanish Secretary of State for Finance  
15.30-16.10 Coffee break

**Session: What is to be learned from the crisis for tax policy?**

Chair: **Tony Barber\***, Financial Times

16.10-16.15 Introduction by the Chair  
16.15-16.45 Re-launching the Single Market : the Tax Policy Dimension by **Mario Monti**, President of Bocconi University  
16.45-17.15 Why and how should taxation policy be reformed to prevent future crises? by **Michael Keen**, Assistant Director at International Monetary Fund  
17.15-17.55 Discussion and questions with the floor - Moderator: **Tony Barber\***, Financial Times  
17.55-18.00 Conclusions by the Chair  
18.00 Cocktail for participants



Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010

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- 8.00 Registration  
8.30 Welcome coffee
- 9.00-9.10 Opening of the second day by **Walter Deffaa**, Director General for Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission

**Morning session: How to reform tax policies in the present context?**  
Chair: **Peter Guilford\***, Senior Partner GPlus Europe

- 9.10-9.30 The Political Economy of Tax Reforms by **Micael Castanheira**, Professor at the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management
- 9.30-9.50 Adequate Frameworks for negotiating tax reforms: what can we learn from the economic literature? by **Wolfgang Eggert**, Professor at University of Paderborn
- 9.50-10.10 Simulations of the Economic Effects of Consumption and Income Tax Reforms by **George Zodrow**, Professor at Rice University in Texas
- 10.10-10.50 Coffee break
- 10.50- 11.20 What to tax and how to tax? From the Meade Report to the Mirrlees Review by **Tim Besley**, Professor at London School of Economics
- 11.20-12.25 Discussion and questions with the floor – Moderator: **Peter Guilford\***, Senior Partner GPlus Europe  
With introductory comments by **Krister Andersson** (Chairman of the Tax Policy Group at BUSINESSSEUROPE), **Anne Demelenne** (General Secretary of the Belgian trade union ABVV/FGTB), and **Stephen Matthews** (Chief Tax Economist at the OECD)
- 12.25-12.30 Conclusions by the Chair
- 12.30-14.00 Buffet lunch for participants



**Afternoon session: Which possible reforms for tax policy?**

**Chair: Christa Randzio-Plath**, University of Hamburg.

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| 14.00-14.20 | Property and Land Taxation: an assessment by <b>Ian Roxan*</b> , Professor at London School of Economics and Political Sciences      |
| 14.20-14.40 | Carbon Tax: an assessment, by <b>Ruud de Mooij</b> , Head of Sector at CPB Netherlands and Professor at Erasmus University Rotterdam |
| 14.40-15.00 | Taxing the Financial Sector, by <b>Geoff Lloyd</b> , Advisor at OECD   |
| 15.00-15.30 | Coffee break   |
| 15.30-16.15 | Discussion and questions with the floor, Moderator: <b>Christa Randzio-Plath</b> , University of Hamburg                             |
| 16.15-16.30 | Conclusions by <b>N.N.*</b> , EU Commissioner for Taxation and Customs Union   |
| 16.30       | Close  |

\* **Speakers to be confirmed**

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## ***Practical information***

### **Conference Venue**

Conference Centre Charlemagne (CHAR), Room S3, Rue de la Loi, 170 – 1040 Brussels, Belgium

### **How to reach the CHAR Building?**

Metro station Schuman: Line 1 or 5  
Bus stop Rond-Point Schuman: 22, 28, 36  
Train station Schuman

### **Welcome Desk**

The Welcome Desk will be available to participants:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 from 13.00 to 18.00  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 from 8.00 to 16.30.

### **Registration**

Participants are requested to register on-line as soon as possible, using the following website:  
<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fmi/scic/Taxation10/start.php>

The deadline for registration is **19 February 2009**. Please make a note of your registration ID. Note that there will be no immediate acknowledgement of registration on completion of the form. Instead, a confirmation e-mail will be sent to all participants registered within the deadline. Participants will be required to show the confirmation e-mail at the conference welcome desk. Due to the limited capacity of the conference rooms, the Commission services reserve the right not to accept registrations above that capacity.

### **Programme**

For any further information about the content of the conference, please consult the conference website <http://ec.europa.eu/brusselstaxforum>

Or contact: Mr Gaëtan Nicodème  
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### **Conference language**

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided from and into French, English and German.

### **Conference Fees**

There are no registration fees for this conference.

### **Travel and accommodation**

Participants are expected to organise their own travel and accommodation, the European Commission will not reimburse these expenses.

Information on accommodation in Brussels can be found at one of the following websites:

[www.opt.be](http://www.opt.be)      [www.bnb-brussels.be](http://www.bnb-brussels.be)

### **Reception/Lunch and Cocktail**

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009, the European Commission invites participants to a cocktail at the end of the first day.

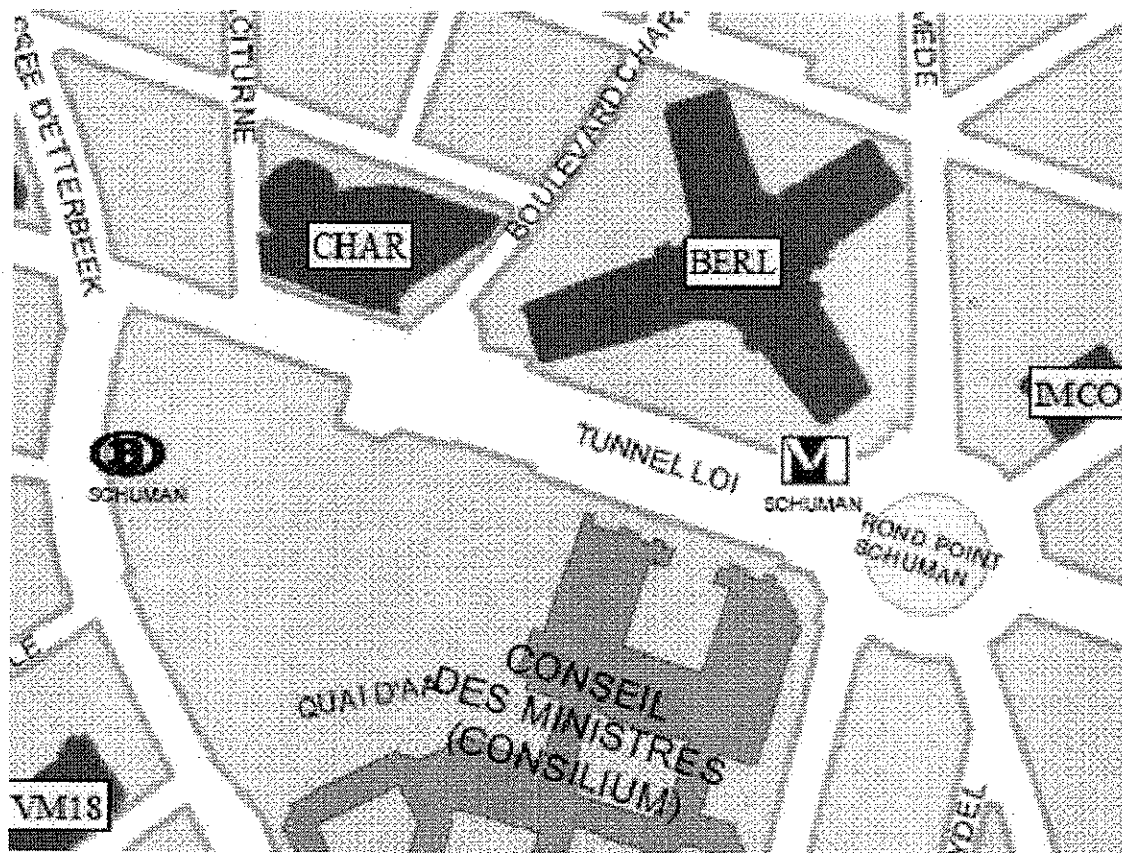
On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009, the European Commission invites participants to a buffet lunch.

### **Organisation**

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### **Personal data protection**

Any application for participation at the conference involves treatment by the Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union of personal data concerning the participant, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001. By filing an application, the applicant will be considered as having given his or her consent to the processing of these data in the context of this conference. With a view to the provisions of the said regulation, furthermore, the following should be noted: Identity of data controller: Mrs Sabine Henzler, Head of Unit, Relations with the institutions, internal coordination, strategic planning, DG TAXUD. Purpose of the processing operation: all handling needed for the applicant's participation at the conference, and drafting of a global participant list, which will be distributed at the conference and published on the website of the European Commission. In addition, pictures of the conference will be published on the website of the European Commission. Existence of the right of access: Applicants have a right of access to their data, which will be kept until the next conference.



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