



EU TAX SYMPOSIUM 2025

Strengthening competitiveness and fairness to build prosperity

17 March evening 2025

Gala dinner (*by invitation only*)

Keynote speech: *TBC*

18 March 2025

Programme (version 12 February 2025)

8.00 – 9.00 Welcome breakfast and registration (60 min)

9.00 – 9.10 Welcome and introduction by Master of Ceremony

9.10 – 9.25 Opening speeches:

- *Vice-President in charge of National Parliaments, MEP Esteban González Pons*
- *Chair of the Subcommittee on Tax Matters, MEP Pasquale Tridico*

9.25 – 9.40 Keynote speech (15 min)

Tax priorities for the new Commission

- Commissioner **Wopke Hoekstra**, *European Commission*

9.40 – 11.05 Panel 1 (85min)

Challenges for a fair contribution of ultra-high-net-worth individuals

- **Amélie de Montchalin**, *Minister Delegate for the Budget and Public Accounts, France (TBC)*
- **Regina Doherty**, *MEP, Vice-chair of the Subcommittee on Tax Matters*
- **Esther Lynch** *General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)*
- **Dan O'Brien**, *Chief Economist, Institute of International and European Affairs*
- **Gabriel Zucman**, *Associate professor of economics, University of California, Berkeley; Director, EU Tax Observatory*

Moderator: **Céline Gauer**, *Director-General, Reform and Investment Task Force, European Commission*

11.05 – 11.35 Networking coffee break (30 min)

11.35 – 13.00 Panel 2 (85 min)

EU sustainable competitiveness: What taxation can or cannot do?

- **Carlos Cuerpo Caballero**, *Minister of Economy, Trade and Business, Spain*
- **Maria Antonia Azpeitia Gamazo**, *Baker McKenzie, Madrid*
- **Bruno Gonçalves**, *MEP, Subcommittee on Tax Matters*
- **Mariana Mazzucato**, *Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value, University College London (TBC)*
- **Lucio Vinhas de Souza**, *Director of the Economics Department and Chief Economist of Business Europe*

Moderator: **Gerassimos Thomas**, *Director-General for Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission*

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break (90 min)

14.30 – 14.45 Keynote speech (15 min)

Impact of tax systems to strengthen competitiveness and fairness (tbc)

- **Mathias Cormann**, *Secretary-General, OECD*

14.45 – 16.00 Panel 3 (75 min)

European and international corporate tax reform: What are the next steps?

- **Tommaso Faccio**, *Head of Secretariat of the Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation (ICRICT)*
- **Vitor Gaspar**, *Director of the Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF*
- **Liselott Kana**, *Co-Chair of the UN Committee of Experts on International Tax Cooperation in Tax Matters*
- **Roberta Poza Cid**, *EU Tax Policy Leader, Partner Deloitte, Spain*

Moderator: **Susana Ruiz**, *Oxfam International's Tax Policy Lead*

16.00 – 16.30 Networking coffee break (30 min)

16.30 – 17.55 Panel 4 (85 min)

Artificial intelligence for tax systems: Challenges, opportunities and risks

- **Vikram Chand**, *Professor, University of Lausanne*
- **Chloe Fox**, *Tax Director, PwC*
- **Gemma Galdón-Clavell**, *Founder and CEO, Eticas Consulting*
- **Ferenc Vagujhelyi**, *Commissioner, National Tax and Customs Administration of Hungary*
- **Daniel Waldenström**, *Professor of Economics, Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN)*

Moderator: **Roberto Viola**, *Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology at European Commission*

17.55 – 18.00 Conclusions:

- *Chair of the Subcommittee on Tax Matters, MEP Pasquale Tridico*
- *Director-General of DG TAXUD, Gerassimos Thomas*

18.00 – 19.30 Networking cocktail
