Preliminary programme of the conference

Fixing the EU VAT system with technology?
Towards a contemporary, fraud-proof and legitimate VAT in the Digital Age

16-17 November 2023,
Copenhagen University, Faculty of Law

Day 1
Thursday, 16 November 2023

8:30 – 9.00 Registration, coffee

9.00 – 9.15 Official opening of the conference: Associate Professor Marta Papis-Almansa (University of Copenhagen)

9.15. - 9.45 Opening keynote speech: Professor Rita de la Feria (University of Leeds): “The AI fallacy of unconstrained success”

9.45 – 11.00 Panel I: VAT in the Digital Age Reform in the EU (part 1)
Moderator: Professor Marie Lamensch (UCLouvain)
Agnes Fekete (European Commission): “The ViDA proposal – current state of play”
Professor Madeleine Merkx (Erasmus University Rotterdam): “Payment providers and platforms’ new obligations under VAT and DAC7 rules”
Anita Kruczkowska-Lassak (Polish Ministry of Finance) “The present and the future of TNA and administrative cooperation between MS”

11.00 – 11.20 Coffee break

11.20-12.30 Panel I: VAT in the Digital Age Reform in the EU (part 2)
Moderator: Professor Marie Lamensch (UCLouvain)
Jacob Ravn (Dansk Erhverv/Danish Chamber of Commerce) “EU VAT developments from the perspective of businesses in Denmark” (to be confirmed soon)
Panel’s discussion
12.30 - 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15:30 Panel II: Technology as an Effective Tool for Combating Fraud and Streamlining Compliance - Lessons from the Member States (part 1)
Moderator: Professor Tina Ehrke-Rabel (University of Graz)
Fernando Matesanz (Spanish VAT Services, Madrid VAT Forum, Spain) “The first European real-time reporting – SII and the future of e-invoicing and digital reporting in Spain”
Andrea Parolini (Maisto e Associati, Catholic University of Piacenza) “The clearance model of e-invoicing in Italy – lessons learned and the way ahead”
Emilia Sroka ”Polish multiple technology tools and efficient fight against VAT fraud”

15.30 - 15.50 Coffee break

15.50 – 17:30 Panel II: Technology as an Effective Tool for Combating Fraud and Streamlining Compliance - Lessons from the Member States (part 2)
Moderator: Professor Tina Ehrke-Rabel (University of Graz)
Speaker to be confirmed soon – “Technology companies supporting the governments in digital transformation”
Alicja Sarna (SSW Pragmatic Solutions) – “The impact on technology on tax procedures – a shift of paradigm?
Panel’s discussion

17.30 – 17:45 Associate Professor Marta Papis-Almansa: Summary and closing of the first day of the conference

19:30 – 22.00 Dinner for speakers
Day 2
Friday, 17 November 2023

9:30 – 11.00  Panel III: Protection of Fundamental Rights and Coherence in Light of VAT Principles (part 1)
Moderator: Associate Professor Marta Papis-Almansa (Copenhagen University)
Dr. Alessia Tomo (University of Antwerp), “The right to privacy and the Italian e-invoicing”
Professor Begoña Pérez Bernabéu and Professor Jorge Martín López (University of Alicante) “Explainability and biases of AI used by tax administration – the Spanish perspective”
Predoc researcher David Hadwick (University of Antwerp) – “AI, EU VAT and the rule of law”

11.00 – 11.20  Coffee break

11.20 – 12.30  Panel III: Protection of Fundamental Rights and Coherence in Light of VAT Principles (part 2)
Moderator: Associate Professor Marta Papis-Almansa (Copenhagen University)
Professor Tina Ehrke-Rabel (University of Graz) “Technology and the underlying principles of the EU VAT system: synergy or discord?”
Panel’s discussion

12:30- 12:50  Closing speech: Professor Marie Lamensch (UCLouvain) “Fixing the EU VAT system with technology?”