

The EU's toolbox to fight against tax fraud and tax evasion

European Commission	Action/Tool	What the Commission did	Next Steps
National level	- Reduce shadow economy - Combat tax evasion and fraud - Improve tax administration	In the context of the European Semester the Commission addresses Country Specific Recommendations on tax governance to the Member States	Member states to implement the CSRs addressed to them
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EU level	EU Savings Taxation Directive	Commission proposed to close the loopholes in 2008	Council to adopt Directive
	VAT Reverse Charge Directive	Commission proposal in 2009, partially adopted in 2010	Council to adopt remaining part of the Directive
	Quick Reaction Mechanism to fight VAT fraud	Commission proposal in July 2012	Council to adopt proposal
	Action plan to further strengthen the fight against evasion and avoidance	Commission proposal in December 2012	Member States to implement the Action Plan
	Framework on anti-money laundering and fund transfers	Commission proposed update in February 2013	Council and EP to adopt proposal
	EU accounting rules, introducing a system of country-by-country reporting		Adopted – Member States to implement
	Administrative Cooperation Directive in the field of direct taxation	Proposed extending automatic exchange of information to 5 new areas from 2015. Agreed by MSs in 2011	Commission to propose further expansion of AEI to 3 new areas under this Directive
	EU savings agreement with Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco, Liechtenstein and San Marino	Commission asked the Council for a negotiation mandate in 2011. Granted by ECOFIN in May 2013	Commission to begin negotiating with third countries
	Directive on mutual assistance for the recovery of taxes		In force since 2010
	Regulation on administrative cooperation in the field of VAT		In force since 2012
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Global action	Automatic information exchange as international standard	 EU to coordinate its position in the European Council, G8, G20 and OECD fora EU to work on interconnectivity of the EU's IT information exchange systems and the US FATCA system and the global standard being developed by OECD 	
	Assistance to developing countries	- EU to continue to assist developing countries to build up robust tax administrations	
	Tackling tax havens and agressive tax planning	- EU to coordinate its position in G20 discussions on base erosion and profit shifting	

- pending, next steps to be taken by Member States and/or European Council
- pending, next steps to be taken by Commission
- in force. Follow-up/enforcement is done by Commission, according to the Treaties