

Box 2: Main recent tax measures by country

Type of tax	Measure	In force	% of GDP
Austria			
PIT	Changes in the income tax system (€ 2.3 billion): lowering of the marginal rates of the second and third brackets; increase in the width of the zero-rate bracket by € 1 000 (to € 11 000); increase in the tax bracket for the top rate of 50 % by € 9 000 (to € 60 000) Originally the measure should be introduced in 2010, due to the crisis it was introduced in 2009.	2009	- 0.9
PIT	Introduction of family tax relief package (€ 0.5 billion): increase in child allowances and child-related tax credits, tax allowances for childcare costs, tax exemptions for childcare subsidies paid by employers. Increased commuter tax credit. Tax deductibility of certain donations.	2009	- 0.2
PIT	Increase in the tax allowances for enterprises from 10 % to 13 % from 2010 onwards; cancellation of tax favourable treatment of retained earnings (€ 0.15 billion net effect).	2010	- 0.05
CIT	Accelerated depreciation of 30 % in the year of investment introduced for the years 2009 and 2010 (overall € 0.7 billion). The major part of the reduction of tax revenue will be off-set in the years 2014 to 2020.	2009 - 2010	- 0.1
Belgium ⁽¹⁾			
VAT	VAT rate reduction (from 21 % to 12 %) for food served in restaurants and catering services.	2010	- 0.15
VAT	VAT rate reduction (from 21 % to 6 %) for the construction of private (for € 50 000) and social dwellings	2009 – 2010q1	- 0.13
VAT	Acceleration of VAT restitutions.	2009	- 0.05
PIT	Increase in the structural reduction for the wage withholding tax (partial exemption of payment) from 0.25 % to 0.75 % from 1 June 2009 and to 1 % as from 1 January 2010, in the reduction for scientific personnel to 75 % (from 1 January 2009), and in the reduction for night and shift workers from 10.7 % to 15.6 % (from 1 June 2009).	2009	- 0.61
PIT	Extension of wage withholding reductions to some public sector enterprises (structural reduction, night and shift work, overtime work). Extension to more public sector enterprises from 2010 onwards	2009	-0.09
PIT	Increase in the number of overtime hours which qualify for reduced wage withholding tax from 65 hours to 100 hours in 2009 and to 130 hours in 2010.	2009	- 0.02
PIT	Temporary prolongation of the payment delay for the wage withholding tax.	April-September 2009	0.00
PIT	The lump-sum deduction for employment costs of managing directors is reduced from 5 % to 3 %.	2010	0.03

⁽¹⁾ For Belgium the list is based on federal budgetary documents only. The quantification is based on the total budgetary impact in cash terms for 2009, 2010 and 2011 with respect to the base year 2008.

PIT	Introduction of a tax credit for the purchase of electric vehicles.	2011	-0.00
PIT	Introduction of tax credits to encourage energy savings in owner-occupied dwellings.	2010	-0.04
CIT	Adaptation of deductions of business cars to provide incentives to use low-emission cars and reduction of deductibility of fuel costs from 100% to 75%	2010	0.05
CIT	Temporary lowering (2010 and 2011) of the cap on the ACE-rate from 6.5% to 3.8% (small companies: 4.3%)	2010-2011	-0.10
Bulgaria			
PIT	Introduction of mortgage interest deduction for dwellings of young families.	2009 - 2010	
PIT	A reporting obligation is put on individuals to declare received/extended loans (above certain amount), which are not paid back.	2010	
PIT	The current exemption for producers of unprocessed agricultural products is substituted by a tax base reduction of 60 %.	2010	
PIT	The taxable income of seamen is decreased by 90 %.	2010	
SSC	Lowering of the SSC rates by 2 percentage points in 2009 and another 2 percentage points in 2010.	2009	- 0.59
SSC	Increase of the minimum monthly amount of self-employed insurance income, on which contributions have to be paid.	2010	0.15
CIT	Increase of the tax rate on the gross proceeds from gambling from 10 % to 15 %. The lump-sum taxes on some gambling machines are also increased.	2010 -	0.07
Other	The exemption threshold for the real estate tax was decreased. The limits within which the real estate tax and transfer tax rates set by the municipalities may vary were broadened.	2010	
Other	Abolition of excise duties on cars.	2010	- 0.22
Other	Increase of excise duties on electricity (for industrial needs), coal and cigarettes.	2010	0.34
Other	Proposal for an introduction of a tax on gambling and lottery prizes	2010	0.12
Other	Proposal for an increase of the tax on luxury assets	2010	0.05
Other	Proposal for the introduction of an indirect tax on insurance premiums, according to which general insurance companies will pay a 2 % tax on collected premiums plus a 10 % tax on profits.	2010	
Cyprus			
VAT	Temporary reduction of the VAT for hotel accommodation and restaurant services by 3 percentage points to 5 % (originally till 30.04.2010 extended to 31.12.2010). Combat against VAT fraud and shortened VAT collection periods.	2009- 2010	
SSC	Increase in SSC of employers and employees by 0.5 percentage points	2009	
CIT	Decrease in the CIT rate for semi-governmental organisations from 25 % to 10 %.	2009	
CIT	Increase of corporate tax by 1percentage point to 11% for 2010 and 2011 only (so-called 'solidarity fee').	2010-2011	
Other	Decrease in the airport landing fees levied on airline companies and cancelled overnight stay fees levied by local authorities.	2009	

Other	Adjustment of property tax brackets and the imposing of 0.7% in tax to properties over € 170 000 in value calculated in 1980 prices.	2010	
Other	Increase of the level of tax on fuel products to EU minima levels.	2010	
Czech Republic			
VAT	The time for VAT refunds was shortened from 30 days to 15 days.	2009	
VAT	VAT deduction on passenger cars for entrepreneurs.	2009	
VAT	The VAT rates increased by 1 %; the standard rate is 20 %, the reduced rate is 10 %.	2010	
SSC	Reduction in employers' and employees' SSC rates by 1.5 percentage points in employee' SSC and by 1 percentage point in employers' SSC.	2009	
SSC	The maximum basis of assessment for social and health insurance payments increased from 48 to 72 multiple of the average salary.	2010	
CIT	Advance tax payments of small business (up to 5 employees) were temporarily abolished in 2009.	2009	
CIT	Reduction of CIT rate to 20 % in 2009 and to 19 % in 2010.	2009 - 2010	
Other	Acceleration in depreciation of particular assets. Concerning only assets acquired from 2009 to the middle of 2010.	2009 - 2010	
Other	Most of the rates of real estate tax were doubled.	2010	
Other	Increase in tax rates of excise duties concerning tobacco, spirit, mineral oils and beer.	2010	
Denmark			
VAT/PIT	Terms of credit for payment of VAT and withheld personal income taxes is prolonged by one month from February 2009 till December 2009. In 2010 credit for withheld personal income taxes is prolonged by 14 days.	2009 - 2010	- 0.1 (interest of postponed taxes)
PIT	The reduction of the bottom tax bracket from 5.26 % to 3.76 %. The abolition of the medium tax bracket of 6 %. Top marginal tax rate incl. SSC is reduced from 63 to 56 %. Increase in the threshold of the top tax bracket by DKK 27 700. Green check of DKK 1 300 per adult with income below DKK 362 800.	2010	- 1.6
PIT	Increased taxation of fringe benefits Ceiling of DKK 100 000 for payments to pension schemes with less than life-long coverage	2010	0.1
PIT	Introduction of an allowance in tax on positive net capital income of DKK 40 000 Reduction of the tax rate on dividend income from 45 %, 43 % and 28 % to 42 % and 27 %	2010	- 0.02
Other	Increase of energy taxes – except petrol and diesel – on business and households by 15 % Increase in excise duties on tobacco and candy. Introduction and increases of a number of other environmental and health related taxes	2010	0.4

Other	Savings of DKK 45 billion in the compulsory supplementary pension scheme can be withdrawn in 2009 with a favourable tax treatment. After many savers choose to withdraw their deposit, the remaining deposits were automatically paid out.	2009	- 1.5
Estonia			
VAT	Increase in the reduced VAT rate from 5 % to 9 %, narrowing of the range of goods to which the reduced rate is applicable.	2009	0.15
VAT	Increase of the standard VAT rate to 20 %.	2009	0.35
PIT	Deferral of the planned income tax rate cut from 21 % to 20 %.	2008, 2009	0.38
PIT	Deferral of the planned increase in the annual personal allowance.	2008, 2009	0.17
PIT	Cancelling of additional basic allowance for the first child. Impact in 2010.	2010	0.35
SSC	Increase in the minimum obligation for the social tax from EEK 2 700 to EEK 4 350 per month.	2009	0.45
SSC	Increase in the unemployment insurance rates as of 1 June 2009: for employees 2.0 % (formerly 0.6 %) of gross wage and for employers 1.0 % (formerly 0.3 %) of employee's gross wage. Increase in the unemployment insurance rates as of 1 August 2009: for employees 2.8 % of gross wage and for employers 1.4 % of employee's gross wage.	2009	0.46
Other	Increase of the excise duty on fuel by 10-127 %.	2009	0.1
Other	Increase of the excise duty on fuel, tobacco and alcohol by 5 – 64 %.	2010	0.3
Other	Increase of the excise duty on electricity by 40 %.	2010	0.5
Other	Increase of the excise duty on tobacco by 20 %.	2011	0.02
Finland			
VAT	Decrease in the VAT rate on food from 17 % to 12 % as of 1 October 2009.	2009	
VAT	As of 1 July 2010 increase of the standard VAT rate and all the reduced rates by 1 percentage point. Decrease of the VAT rate on restaurants from 22 % to 13 %.	2010	
SSC	Decrease in the national pension contribution paid by employers by 0.8 percentage points as of 1 April 2009. Removed definitely in 2010.	2009, 2010	
SSC	Increase of pension, health insurance and unemployment insurance contributions of the employees by 0.2 – 0.3 % points.	2010	
PIT	Adjustment of the income tax scale by 4 %.	2009	
PIT	Rate reduction in all the four state income tax brackets (between 1 and 1.5 percentage points).	2009	
PIT	Increase in the pension income allowances in state and municipal income taxation.	2009, 2010	
PIT	Increase in the tax credit for paid household work to € 3 000 per taxable person.	2009	

PIT	Reduction of the tax rate of all the four state income tax brackets by half a % points and adjustment of the income tax scales. Increase of the earned income tax credit in central government taxation and basic allowance in municipal taxation.	2010	
Other	Increase of the excise duty on alcohol two times by 10%.	2009	
Other	CO2-base annual tax of vans increased to the level of passenger cars	2009	
Other	Increase of the excise duty on tobacco two times by 5-15 %.	2009, 2010	
France			
VAT	Treasury measures for firms: VAT reimbursements are anticipated.		- 0.3
VAT	As from 1 July 2009 a reduced VAT rate of 5.5 % applies to restaurant services.	2009	- 0.15
PIT	PIT reduction for low-income households resulting in a cut of 2/3 in 2009 PIT for people concerned.	2009	- 0.05
PIT	A 50% tax is levied on bonuses exceeding € 27 500 paid in 2009 by financial institutions to their traders.	2010	
PIT	Reduction of the overall amount of tax incentives: deductions, allowances and tax credits cannot exceed a threshold of € 20 000 plus 8% of the taxable income.	2010	
CIT	The local business tax is replaced by an "economic territorial contribution". This is no longer based on the annual value of commercial and industrial equipment, but consists of the annual rental value of immovable property and a new tax of 0.4 % (from a turnover exceeding € 500 000) to 1.5 % (above € 50 million) on the added value of the business (<i>cotisation sur la valeur ajoutée des entreprises</i>). The overall tax can not exceed 3 % of the added value of the business.	2010	- 0.6
CIT	Treasury measures for firms: tax credit reimbursements (research tax credit and carry-back tax credits)	2009	- 0.4
Germany			
VAT	Reduced VAT rate of 7 % on short-term accommodation as supplied by hotels, pensions and guesthouses	2010	- 0.0
PIT	Improved deductibility of payments for health and nursing care insurance. Cost for health and similar insurances will be fully deductible.	2010	- 0.4

PIT	Changes in income tax rate: Reduction of the bottom PIT rate from 15 % to 14 %. PIT thresholds are increased by € 400 retroactively as from 1 January 2009 and again by € 330 as from 1 January 2010. Increase in the basic allowance from € 7 664 to € 7 834 retroactively as from 1 January 2009 and to € 8 004 as from 1 January 2010.	2009 and 2010	- 0.1 and - 0.2
PIT	Increase in the PIT credit for services supplied by self-employed persons for household repairs to 20 % of € 6 000 (i.e. maximum € 1 200).	2009-	- 0.1
PIT	One-off payment of € 100 per child in 2009 (<i>Kinderbonus</i>).	2009	- 0.1
PIT	Increase of the tax allowance for children from EUR 5 808 to EUR 6 024 and of the alternatively granted child credit by EUR 100 per month for the first and second child and EUR 16 per month for every further child	2009	- 0.1
PIT	Increase of the tax allowance for children from EUR 6 024 to EUR 7 008 and of the alternatively granted child credit by EUR 20 per month and child	2010	- 0.2
PIT/CIT	Introduction of declining-balance depreciation at a rate of 25 % for movable fixed assets acquired or produced after 1 January 2009 and before 31 December 2010.	2009 - 2010	- 0.1
PIT/CIT	Improved depreciation allowance for low-value assets	2010	- 0.02
CIT	Changes in the corporate tax system (relaxed interest barrier rule, restructuring clause, reduced adjustments for rents in tax base of trade tax)	2008 / 2010	- 0.1
CIT	Increase in the thresholds for the expensing of movable fixed assets for SMEs.	2009 - 2010	- 0.01
Other	Incentives for buyers of environmentally friendly cars.	2009 - 2010	- 0.01
Other	Inheritance tax relief	2010	- 0.02
Other	Abolishment of real property transfer tax in case of corporate restructuring	2010	- 0.01
Other	Energy tax (promotion of biofuels)	2010	- 0.01
Greece ⁽²⁾			
VAT	Planned gradual broadening of the VAT base by including current exempted services and by applying the standard rate to a range of products currently subject to the reduced rate.	2011	0.4
VAT	VAT rates are increased in two phases as follows: the standard rate from 19% to 21 % and subsequently to 23 %, the reduced rate from 9 % to 10 % and then to 11 %, and the super-reduced rate from 4.5 % to 5 %.	2010	0.84

⁽²⁾ For Greece the table includes the measures taken in April 2010

PIT	Introduction of extra tax on personal income for high income earners (income above € 60 000). The tax is gradually increased from € 1 000 for income between € 60 001 and € 80 000 to € 25 000 for income above € 900 000.	2009	0.1
PIT	Income policy 2009 for public servants, doctors in the national healthcare system, employees of public law corporate bodies, local authorities, Police, Fire Department, Port's Corps and the Army, consists of a non-taxable amount of € 500 for gross income up to € 1 500, and € 300 for gross income between € 1 501 and € 1 700.	2009	- 0.2
PIT	Introduction of a special solidarity allowance to low-income earners, pensioners and farmers. The benefit ranges from € 300 to € 1 300.	2009	- 0.3
PIT	Changes to the personal income tax system: all sources of income are subject to a unified progressive taxation scheme with 9 brackets; the 45 % top rate is applicable above € 100 000. Tax exemptions and autonomous taxation provisions are eliminated.	2010	0.5
PIT	Special levy at progressive rates (between 20 and 90 %) on bonuses to business executives in the financial sector.	2010	
PIT	Planned enforcement of presumptive taxation of professionals.	2011	0.2
CIT	Extra contribution charged on large profitable corporations (based on 2008 profits).	2009 - 2013	0.4 (2010) 0.3 (2011)
CIT	Gradual reduction of rate from 25 % by one percentage point each year between 2010 and 2014.	2010-2014	
Other	Reduction from 2.0 % to 0.5 % of local authorities duty imposed on short stay accommodation (in hotels, motels, bungalows, rooms-to-let facilities, camping) and on gross revenue of restaurants, clubs, bars, etc	2009	
Other	Car registration tax reduction of 50 % for the period April–August 2009.	2009	
Other	Increase in the road tax on motor vehicles (up to € 300), calculated on the basis of the engine capacity and the environmental impact. An additional road tax (ranging from € 150 to € 650) is collected on high capacity private vehicles and motorcycles.	2009	
Other	Increase in duties on mobile telephones and excises on petrol.	2009	0.13 (2009) 0.2 (2010)
Other	Special levy on high value real estate.	2009 - 2010	0.1
Other	Increase in fuel taxes.	2010	0.6
Other	Introduction of excise taxes on electricity.	2010	0.1
Other	Increase in excise duties on cigarettes and alcohol.	2010	0.6
Other	Reintroduction of a progressive tax on large property to replace the previous flat tax of 1 %. The 1 % top rate applicable above € 800 000 is increased to 2 % for property values above € 5 million for a period of three years. Church property not used for religious, educational or charitable purposes is included in the base.	2010	0.2

Other	Increase in the progressivity of taxation on inheritance, gifts and parental provisions. The new system has four brackets, with a 10 % top rate applicable above € 600 000.	2010	
Other	Introduction of a special levy on luxury goods.	2010	0.03
Other	Planned broadening of the base for the real estate tax by increasing the legal value of property.	2011	0.2
Other	Planned increase in taxation of wages in kind, including car lease payments.	2011	0.1
Other	Planned introduction of a "green tax" on CO2 emissions.	2011	0.1
Other	Planned taxation on unauthorized establishments.	2011	0.4
Other	Planned introduction of special levies on illegal buildings in order to regularise land use violations.	2011	0.2
Other	Planned introduction of excise duties on non-alcoholic beverages.	2012	0.1
Other	Planned measures to reduce tax evasion and tax avoidance.	2010	1
Hungary			
VAT	As of 1 July 2009, the standard VAT rate was increased from 20 % to 25 %. In addition a reduced 18 % VAT rate was introduced for dairy and bakery products. The reduced VAT rate of 18 % is applicable for public accommodation services (as of 9 July 2009) and for district heating (as of 1 August 2009).As of 15 January 2010, the reduced VAT rate of 5 % is applicable for district heating. However, the negative annual budgetary impact of this measure per se is supposed to be less than 0.1 % of the GDP of Hungary.	2009	0.6
SSC	As from 1 July 2009, the employers' SSC was decreased by 5 percentage points (applied up to the double of the minimal wage).	2009	- 0.3
SSC	As of 1 January 2010, 5 % points decrease of the employers' SSC will be a general reduction.	2010	- 1.2
SSC	Changes in health contribution system	2010	0.3
PIT	Most of tax-free benefits become taxable	2010	0.4
PIT	As of 1 January 2009, the personal income tax bracket has increased retroactively to HUF 1.9 million.	2009	- 0.2
PIT	From 2010 on, gross income plus employer's contributions (27 %) qualify as the base of the personal income tax. The tax bracket increased to HUF 5 million, the tax rates modified from the earlier 18 % and 36 % to 17 % and 32 %, respectively. The employment tax credit is calculated as 17 % of wage income earned, with a monthly maximum of HUF 15 100. This tax credit is applicable to workers whose annual income does not exceed HUF 3 188 000. Parallel to that, the special tax of private persons (4 %) was deleted.	2010	- 0.9
PIT	The government outlined an action programme to restore the economy and budget balance. It includes introduction of a single income tax rate of 16 %.		
CIT / PIT	The 4 % solidarity tax for corporations and private persons with high income was abolished.	2010	- 0.8
CIT	As of 1 January 2010, broadening the CIT base	2010	0.2

CIT	As of 1 January 2010, increase of the CIT rate (from 16 % to 19 %)	2010	0.4
CIT	The government outlined an action programme to restore the economy and budget balance. As of 1 July 2010, the company income tax rate of 10 % is generally applicable to HUF 500 million of the tax base and above that the tax rate of 19 %.	2010-	-0.3
CIT	The government outlined an action programme to restore the economy and budget balance. It includes introduction of a bank tax.		
Other	The government outlined an action programme to restore the economy and budget balance. It includes the abolition of inheritance taxes.	2011-	
Other	As of 1 July 2009, excise duties on all excisable products were increased. The rate of increase was 5.3 % for petrol, 6.5 % for diesel, between 6-7 % for alcoholic beverages and an average 5 % for tobacco products.	2009	0.1
Ireland			
VAT	Reduction of the standard VAT rate from 21.5 % to 21 %. This brings back the VAT rate to the value it had before December 2008 when the standard rate was increased from 21 % to 21.5 %.	2010	
PIT	Widening of the standard tax band by € 1 000 for a single person, and by € 2 000 for a married couple with 2 incomes.	2009	
PIT	Introduction of income levy of 1 % on gross income up to € 100 100 per annum and a rate of 2 % for income above this amount. On income in excess of € 250 120 a further 1 % is payable. Social welfare payments are excluded from this levy. From 1st May 2009 the income levy rates are doubled to 2 %, 4 % and 6 %. The exemption threshold is € 15 028. The 4 % rate applies to income in excess of € 75 036 and the 6 % rate to income in excess of € 174 980.	2009	
PIT	Introduction of a pension levy on public sector wages. New arrangement: first € 15 000 of earnings exempt, 5 % on next € 5000 of earnings, 10 % on earnings between € 20 000 and € 60 000 and 10.5 % on earnings above € 60 000.	2009	
PIT	Increase in the employee SSC ceiling from € 50 700 to € 52 000. From 1st May 2009 increase in the employee SSC ceiling from € 52 000 to € 75 036.		
CIT	Payment dates for corporation and capital gains tax are to be brought forward in 2009.		
CIT	Increase in the capital gains tax from 20 % to 22 %. From 8 April 2009 increase to 25 %.		
Other	Introduction of a Carbon Tax which is levied at a rate of 15 Euro per tonne on fossils fuels. It came into effect for petrol and auto-diesel on 9 December 2009. On 1 May 2010 taxation will also include Kerosene, Marked Gas Oil, Liquid Petroleum Gas, Fuel Oil and Natural Gas.	2009 - 2010	
Other	From 8 April 2009 increase in capital acquisitions tax rate from 22 % to 25 %.		
Other	From 8 April 2009 increase in Deposit Interest Retention Tax (DIRT) from 23 % to 25 %.		

Other	Increase in the R & D tax credit from 20 % to 25 % of incremental expenditure.		
Other	Reduction of the stamp duty top rate from 9 % to 6 %.		
Italy ⁽³⁾			
VAT / PIT	Extension until 2012 of the measures supporting housing renovation, i.e. the 36 % PIT tax credit on renovation expenses, and the reduction to 10 % of the applicable VAT rate. Reform of tax incentives for energy-saving restructuring of buildings. Limitation of the possibilities to offset VAT credits with VAT debts within, however, higher ceilings.	2008 - 2012 (but 10% VAT rate does not expire)	-0.02 (2012) -0.04 (2013) -0.04 (2014)
VAT	VAT payments are no longer due upon issuing of invoice but on receipt of payment by customer	2009	-0.01 (2009) -0.00 (2010-)
PIT	10 % special tax rate on overtime/flexitime pay or productivity-based pay increase	July 2008 – December 2008	-0.04 (2008) -0.03 (2009)
PIT	Extension of the 10 % special tax rate only on productivity-based pay increases.	2009 – 2010	-0.03 (2009); -0.06 (2010) -0.02 (2011)
PIT	Tax amnesty on undeclared assets held abroad ("Tax shield")	Aug. 2009 – April 2010	0.20-0.26
PIT	Reform of the "Reddito metro" income indicator used to determine taxpayers' presumed income. Increase in taxation of stock options.	2010	0.00 (2010); 0.05 (2011-2013 in each year)
PIT	Deferral of advance tax payments for the tax periods 2011 and 2010	2010	-0.15 (2011); 0.11 (2012); 0.04 (2013)
CIT	50 % tax credit for investments in machinery and equipment for entities generating business income ('Tremonti-ter')	July 2009 – June 2010	-0.13 (2009) -0.14 (2010)
CIT	Optional group taxation regime for Industrial Districts	2009	-0.00
CIT/ PIT	10 % of IRAP paid by employers made deductible from CIT or PIT.	2009	-0.04
CIT/PIT	CIT and PIT deduction of investments costs, sustained in 2010 by companies in the textile and fashion industry sector, in research and development aimed at creating samples.	April – December 2010	-0.00
CIT	Reductions in advance tax payments by incorporated companies.	2009	
CIT	Introduction of a 5.5 point surcharge on the CIT, applicable to companies operating in research and exploitation of hydrocarbons, oil refining, production and sale of petrol, gas and similar products, and to production and sale of electricity (so-called 'Robin tax').	2009	0.11 (2009) 0.05 (2010,2011)
CIT	Increase of 'Robin Tax' surcharge to 6.5 percent	2009	0.00

⁽³⁾ For Italy, the tax measures for 2010 have been introduced in May by Law Decree, and will be converted in Law within the end of July 2010 (with possible changes)

CIT	Substitute taxation (on an optional basis) at a reduced rate on asset revaluations, bringing tax accounting better in line with company accounting.	2009	-0.04
CIT	Anti-evasion package targeting real estate investment funds and documentation requirements on transfer prices. New disclosure rules on transactions with businesses located in black-listed countries.	2010	0.04 (2011); 0.03 (2012); 0.03 (2013)
CIT	“Home-State Taxation”: opportunity, for business companies (resident in a EU member State different from Italy) starting a new activity in Italy, to apply the fiscal rules that are in force in any other EU member State. Application of the alternative fiscal regime subject to the approval (by a ruling procedure) of the Italian fiscal administration	2010	-0.00
Other	Stronger measures to fight tax evasion.	2009	
Other	Cut on excise duties on gas for large industrial users and cuts of taxes and social contributions for road haulage operators.	2009	-0.00
Other	Capping of the interest rate for variable-rate mortgages (the Government will reimburse the difference to the banks through tax credits).	2009	
Other	Tax incentives for purchases of household appliances and furniture.	February – December 2009	-0.01
Other	Extension of tax incentives for replacement of cars and motorbikes.	2008 - 2009	-0.02 (cash)
Other	Substantial cut of taxes on housing, freeing the first property owned from the municipal property tax (ICI).	2008	-0.17
All	Suspension of tax payments from the areas struck by the 2009 earthquake	2009	-0.03
Latvia			
VAT	Increase in the standard VAT rate from 18 % to 21 %.	2009	1.4
VAT	Increase in the reduced VAT rate from 5 % to 10 %. Various types of goods have been made ineligible for the reduced rate.	2009	0.7
VAT	Introduction of a reduced VAT rate of 10 % to guest accommodation services	May 2010	
PIT	Reduction of the PIT rate from 25 % to 23 % and increase of the basic tax allowance, the allowance for dependent persons and the disability allowances.	January 2009-	-0.8
PIT	Reduction in the basic tax allowance	July 2009-	0.3
PIT	Increase in the PIT rate from 23 % to 26 %. The tax rate on individuals' business income increased from 15 % to 26 %.	2010	0.8
PIT/SSC	The benefit gained from the private use of a company car is included into the PIT and SSC tax base.	2010	0.3
PIT	Introduction of a 15 % tax to capital gains and a 10 % tax to dividends and income from interests	2010	0.2

PIT/SSC	Abolishing of exemption from PIT and SSC of one employee's bonus up to LVL 180	2010	0.2
PIT	Introduction of taxation of gifts exceeding LVL 1 000 per year (with some exemptions), if received from persons not related to the recipient by marriage or from persons other than relatives up to the third degree.	2010	0.03
PIT	Changes to the existing tax incentives for savings (with private pension funds, insurance companies and investment funds).	2010	0.02
Other	Increase in excise duty on cigarettes, fuel, smoking tobacco, coffee, alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages.	2009	0.9
Other	Introduction of minimum excise duty on cigarettes – LVL 48 per 1 000 cigarettes	2010	0.05
Other	Introduction of excise duty on natural gas utilized for heating and fuelling	2010	0.04
Other	Increase in the annual vehicle duty rate	2010	0.2
Other	Introduction of progressive taxation of residential property – tax rate from 0.1 % to 0.3 % of the cadastral value.	2010	0.07
Other	Increase of the tax rate applied to the land and buildings serving business purposes from 1.0 % to 1.5 %.	2010	0.1
Other	Introduction of taxation of engineering structures at the rate of 1.5 % and taxation of uncultivated agricultural land at the rate of 3.0 %.	2010	0.06
Lithuania			
VAT	Increase in the standard VAT rate by one point to 19 %.	2009	0.4
VAT	New increase in VAT standard rate, to 21 %, from 1 September.	2009	0.2
VAT	The 9 % VAT rate applying to construction services and the 5 % super-reduced rate are abolished, although short transitional regimes apply to some of these.	2009	0.3
VAT	Application of reduced rates on residential heating, books and medicines extended (for heating, only up to 31 August).	2010	-0.2
SSC	Significant adjustments are made to the social security system, mainly with the aim of better integrating in the system various categories of self-employed persons.	2009	
PIT	Cut of the PIT rate to a flat 15 % and introduction of separate compulsory health insurance contribution of 6 % (instead of allocating 30 % share of PIT to compulsory health insurance fund), bringing the combined rate on employment income to 21 %.	2009	-0.4
PIT	The application procedure of the tax-exempt minimum is increased for low-income persons. The basic personal allowance applies only to employment income and is determined on a sliding scale, declining as income increases. The additional tax-exempt amount is also increased.	2009	0.2
CIT	The CIT rate was increased from 15 % to 20 % in 2009, then was cut back again to 15%. Special small companies rate cut from 13 % to 5 %.	2009, 2010	-0.2

CIT	More favourable treatment for agricultural income replaced with special 10 % reduced rate for agricultural income (below certain limits), for 2010 only. Rate will go up to the general 15 % in 2011.	2010	0.1
Other	Introduction of significant investment incentives for the period up to 2013.	2009 - 2013	-1.1
Other	Increase in excise duties on fuel, alcohol and cigarettes. Decrease in excise duties on diesel from 1 August 2009 until 2011	2009 - 2011	0.7
Luxembourg			
PIT	Increase of the top income tax rate from 38 % to 39 %, and the introduction of an additional income bracket for income exceeding € 83 586. Increase of surcharge for the employment fund from 2.5 % to 4 % for income below € 300 000, and to 6 % for income exceeding € 300 000. Introduction of a 0.8 % crisis tax for the years 2011 and 2012, levied on the total income except minimum wage salaries.	2011	
CIT	Increase of the social security contribution for insurance of accident to 1.25 % for all business sectors.	2011	
CIT	Restrictions on the deductibility of excessive bonuses and golden handshakes in the banking sector and for multinationals.	2011	
CIT	Increase of the surcharge for the employment fund from 4 % to 5 %.	2011	
PIT	Policy of converting tax relief into tax credits: replacement of the general tax allowance and the tax allowance for the retired of € 600 by a tax credit of € 300; replacement of the deduction of € 1 920 applied to unmarried taxpayers with dependent children by a tax credit of € 750.	2009	
PIT	Linear indexation by 9 % of the PIT brackets without modifying the underlying tax rates.	2009	
CIT	Reduction of the CIT rate from 22 % to 21 %.	2009	
CIT	Introduction of a self-assessment system for corporate taxation	2010	
Other	Abolition of capital duty.	2009	
Other	Housing: increase in the deduction ceiling for the one-off premium paid as part of a temporary life insurance policy; increase of the deductibility ceiling for interest paid on a housing credit; decrease of the 'social' credit rate; extension of the preferential tax treatment for the construction or renovation of owner-occupied dwellings (reduced VAT rate of 3 %).	2009	
Other	Extension of the 80 % tax exemption for income and gains from intellectual property rights to internet domain names.	2008	
Other	Qualifying intellectual property is exempted from net wealth tax.	2009	
Malta			
VAT	Extension of VAT exemptions to cultural services and to registration tax on trucks.	2009	
PIT	Increase in the PIT thresholds.	2009	- 0.2
Other	Travellers' departure tax is abolished.	2009	

Netherlands			
VAT	Companies may pay VAT quarterly instead of monthly.	2009, 2010	0
VAT	Introduction of a reduced VAT rate of 6 % targeted at refurbishing homes older than two years, (house)painting and stuccowork and the acquisition of modern educational media.	2010	- 0.01
PIT	Increase in the tax relief for working parents.	2009	- 0.08
PIT	Introduction of a bonus of up to € 3 000 for employees working after reaching the age of 62. Increase in the ceiling for the deduction of annuity premiums related to private pensions.	2009	- 0.05
PIT	An exemption of 1.4 % of the wage bill for tax purposes replaces 29 categories of tax-free allowances and benefits-in-kind	2010	0
PIT	Several measures stimulating and/or simplifying the position of the director-shareholder/owner (dga).	2010	0
PIT	Introduction of a number of administrative simplifications in the tax systems	2010	0
CIT	Easing of depreciation rules for investments and easing of requirements on loss compensation for 2009 and 2010.	2009, 2010	- 0.04
CIT	Tax cuts for SMEs, including a profit exemption granted to a larger share of their profits (10.5 %). Increase in the relief for new enterprises ("startersaftrek").	2009	0
CIT	The profit exemption for SMEs is raised from 10.5 % to 12 %. Increase in the small-scale investment tax credit (KIA) + relaxation of the rules for relief for individual entrepreneurs ("zelfstandigenaftrek").	2010	- 0.02
CIT	The 'patents box' scheme is turned into an 'innovation box' for innovative entrepreneurs: income derived from R&D is taxed at a rate of 5 %, instead of 10 % and the ceilings are abolished.	2010	- 0.04
CIT	Simplification of the Dutch participation exemption with respect to the qualification as portfolio investment.	2010	0
Other	Increase in WBSO tax credits for R&D investments and in EIA/MIA/VAMIL environmental subsidies.	2009	- 0.01
Other	Second increase in WBSO tax credits for R&D investments. Increase in EIA/MIA/VAMIL environmental subsidies.	2010	- 0.01
Other	Change of the basis for car taxation from list prices to CO ₂ emissions. For highly fuel-efficient cars the motor vehicle tax is abolished and for cars running on natural gas the motor vehicle tax is reduced. A tax exemption is introduced for hydrogen. Demolition subsidy for old cars.	2009	0
Other	Fuel-efficient cars benefit from a EUR 750 reduction from car purchase tax.	2010	0
Other	Several measures stimulating the use highly fuel-efficient cars (including zero-emission and electric cars)	2010	0
Other	Abolition of tax on flight tickets.	2009	- 0.05
Poland ⁽⁴⁾			
VAT	Decrease of the period for VAT refund from 180 to 60 days.	2009	-0.12

⁽⁴⁾ For Poland the budgetary impact is presented on cash basis and for general government revenue

VAT	Enabling a settlement of tax on import of goods according to some simplified procedures in a tax declaration	2009	-0.11
VAT	Increase in the threshold for VAT registration.	2010	2010 -0.02 2011 -0.01
VAT	Temporary reduction of the right to deduct VAT incurred in the purchase, acquisition, import, hiring or leasing of certain vehicles (maximum authorised carrying capacity \geq 500 kg & maximum weight of 3.5 tonnes) to 60 % of the tax due up to a maximum of PLN 6 000 until 31 st of Dec 2013 (planned)	2011	
PIT	Introduction of new PIT rates of 18 % and 32 % (replacing the 2008 rates of 19 %, 30 % and 40 %).	2009	-0.6
CIT / PIT	Increase in the investment incentive (i.e. an immediate accelerated depreciation of certain fixed assets, which is available to small taxpayers and newly established entities under both personal and corporate income taxes).	2009	-0.03
Other	Excise duty relief on bio-components for motor fuel; increase in excises on cigarettes.	2010	-0.07
Portugal			
VAT	Reduction of the VAT reimbursement threshold.	2009	
VAT	Increased VAT rates by 1 percentage point from 01/07/2010 as follows: standard rate from 20 % to 21 %, intermediate rate from 12 % to 13 % and reduced rate from 5 % to 6 % (expected increased revenues are 0.3 % of GDP in 2010 and 0.7 % in 2011)	01/07/2010	0.3 (2010) 0.7 (2011)
VAT / PIT	Anticipation of VAT and PIT reimbursements.	2009	
PIT	Exclusion of commuting expenses from the taxable income.	2009	
PIT	Increase in the personal deduction allowance for disabled taxpayers.	2009	
PIT	Special PIT rate for unjustified wealth increase	2010	
PIT	Increase by 1 percentage point (until the third bracket) and by 1.5 percentage points (from the fourth bracket) of the individual income tax rates; introduction of a new top rate of 45 % on income over € 150 000.	2010	
PIT	Taxation of stock market capital gains by resident individuals (previously exempted) at the rate of 20 %, provided that the annual gains are over € 500.	2010	
PIT	Creation of a regime for regularisation of undeclared capital kept abroad (payment of 5 % on such amounts instead of the due taxes and penalties).	2010	
PIT	Limitation of the amount of tax credits and tax benefits previously granted.	2010	
PIT	Increase by 1.5 percentage points of PIT withholding tax rates on income derived by resident and non-resident individuals.	2010	
PIT	Introduction of a tax incentive for the purchase of environmental friendly goods.	2010	
PIT/CIT	Enlargement of fringe benefits subject to PIT and CIT.	2010	
SSC	Enlargement of the SSC taxable base.	2010	

SSC	Measures to reduce tax evasion related to SSCs.	2010	
CIT	Introduction of a new general 12.5 % CIT rate for taxable profits up to € 12 500.	2009	
CIT	Introduction of tax credits for investment — CIT deduction and exemption from the payment of municipal real estate tax, municipal real estate sales tax and stamp duty tax.	2009	
CIT	Reduction in advance payments for SMEs.	2009	
CIT	Special prepayment amount reduced from € 1 250 to € 1 000 which corresponds to 1 % of the company's turnover.	2010	
CIT	Reduction of the limit of tax benefits deductions on the CIT due, i.e. the amount of CIT due cannot be lower than 75 % (previously 60 %) of the CIT that would be due in case no tax benefits or special regimes were applied by the taxpayer.	2010	
CIT	Introduction of a state surtax at the rate of 2.5 % on income subject to CIT annually € 2 million.	2010	0.1 (2010) 0.2 (2011)
CIT	Introduction of new autonomous penalty taxes of 35 % related to payments of bonus and remuneration made to managers and administrators over certain amounts.	2010	
Other	Reduction in the top real estate tax rate and extension of the period of payment exemption.	2009	
Romania			
VAT	VAT rate reduction (from 19 % to 5 %) for the construction of social dwellings and, subject to conditions, private dwellings not exceeding 120 m ² and a value of RON 380 000 (about € 90 000).	2009	
VAT	The government announced to increase the standard VAT rate by 5 percentage points to 24 %.	2010	
SSC	Increase in employee's and employers' SSC rates; decrease in employers' contributions for work accidents and professional diseases by 0.5 %.	2009	
PIT/SSC	Increase of the base for income tax and social security contributions by taxing meal tickets and capital gains (including interest on bank deposits)	2010	
PIT	Taxpayers who derive income from agricultural activities will be required to pay a 2 % tax on their gross income.	2009	
PIT	Increase in level of deductibility of voluntary health insurance (from € 200 to € 250) and threshold of deduction for employees' contribution to facultative pension schemes (€ 200 to € 400).	2009	
PIT	Specific types of capital gains realised by non-residents are now subject to permanent tax exemption.	2009	
PIT	Reduction in dividend taxes of non-residents from 16 % to 10 %.	2009	
PIT	Income as interest on term deposits and/or saving instruments are non-taxable income	2009	
PIT/CIT	Increase in the cap for the deductibility for voluntary pension and health contributions from corporate and personal income.	2009	

PIT/CIT	Temporary tax exemptions on capital gains from trading securities on the Romanian stock market.	2009 - 2010	
PIT/CIT	Deferral of tax liabilities.	January-June 2010	
CIT	Simplification measures for persons undergoing insolvency.	2010	
CIT	Introduction of a turnover tax for medicine distributors	2010	
CIT	The extension of advance corporate income tax payments system (to other corporate taxpayers than banks and Romanian branches of foreign banks) is postponed until 2012	2012	
CIT	Thin capitalization: deductibility limit for interest on foreign currency loans is reduced from 8 % to 6 %.	2010	
Other	Reduction in the car pollution tax.	2009	
Other	Increase in excise duties on alcohol beverages, cigarettes and fuel.	2009	
Slovakia			
VAT	Reduction of the period for refunding the VAT deductions from 60 days to 30 days.	April 2009	0
SSC	Decrease in the rate of contribution to the Social Insurance Agency (reserve fund of solidarity) from 4.75 % to 2 % for mandatorily insured self-employed.	April 2009	2009: - 0.02 2010: - 0.04
PIT	Increase in the PIT basic allowance from € 3 435.27 to € 4 025.70 per year.	March 2009-2011	2009: - 0.23 2010: - 0.2
PIT	Introduction of an employee tax credit as a form of negative income tax in the maximum amount of € 181.03 per year.	2009	2009: 0 2010: - 0.05
CIT	Changes in tax legislation concerning business environment — group registration of VAT, retroactive registration and simplification of record-keeping for tax purposes for small entrepreneurs.	March 2009	0
CIT	State subsidy and corporate income tax allowance for research activities carried out by the business sector.	2009 - 2010	2009: - 0.04 2010: - 0.1
CIT	The tax base for advance payments of the CIT can be adjusted by the amount of any tax credits claimed.	2010	0
CIT	The period of loss carry-forward is extended from 5 to 7 years.	2010	
Other	Changes in rules of property depreciation — increase in input price for investment property depreciation, accelerated depreciation and depreciation of components.	March 2009	2009: - 0.02 2010: - 0.04
Other	Decrease in excise duties on diesel fuel.	March 2010	- 0.02
VAT	The VAT rate on some agricultural products sold directly by farmers – including honey, eggs, milk and fish – is reduced from 19 % to 6 %.	May 2010	
Slovenia			
VAT	VAT refund period was shortened from 60 to 21 days.	2010	-0.27

VAT	The reduced rate of 8.5 % will be applicable for certain services provided at the local level.	2010	
VAT	Increase in the flat rate compensation from 4 % to 8 %	2010	
PIT	Extension of the scope of the investment allowance to individual entrepreneurs earning professional income.	2009 - 2010	-0.08
PIT	Introduction of a new additional tax at the rate of 49 %, which is imposed on the income of management in companies receiving state aid.	2009 - 2010	
PIT	Increase of general allowances.	2010	-0.03
CIT/PIT	New tax break for employing/employment in certain labour categories such as people below 26 or above 55 years of age who have been registered for at least 6 months as unemployed.	2010	
CIT/PIT	Increase in the tax break for investing in R&D from the current 20 % to 40 % of the amount invested in R&D.	2010	
CIT	Gradual decrease of the CIT rate from 22 % to 21 % in 2009 and further down to 20 % in 2010.	2009 - 2010	2009: -0.10; 2010: -0.21
CIT	Increase in investment allowance rate and amount.	2009 - 2010	
Other	Increase in excise duties on petrol, gas oil and on alcohol beverages. Planned increase of excise duties on tobacco products.	2009	0.71
Other	Proposal for increase in excise duties on electricity, natural gas and tobacco.	2010	
Spain			
PIT	Tax credit of € 2 500 for each child born or adopted in the tax year is repealed	2011	
VAT	The general VAT rate is being increased to 18 % from 1 July 2010 while the reduced VAT rate of 7 % is increased to 8 %.	2010	0.25
VAT	Acceleration of VAT restitutions.	2009	-0.54
VAT	Reduced rates for repairs and refurbishing of own dwelling. Super reduced rates for dependency services	2010 -2012 2010	
SSC	Abatements and reductions of SSC for hiring unemployed workers with children.		
PIT	An additional tax credit of € 400 is granted to working and self-employed taxpayers to support household purchasing power.	2008 - 2009	-0.55 (2008) -0.55 (2009)
PIT	Phase-out of € 400 tax credit for working and self-employed taxpayers over € 12 000 of taxable base	2010	0.49
PIT	Tax deduction for repairs and refurbishing of own dwelling for taxpayers under € 53 007	2010- 2012	-0,14
PIT	Exemption of in kind income for commuting expenses	2010	-0,01
CIT	CIT rate for small companies that maintain or increase their workforce has been temporarily decreased by 5 percentage points for the years 2009-2011	2009 - 2011	-0.03 (2009) -0.03 (2010)
CIT	Elimination of projected phase-out for R & D tax deduction in the CIT.	2009	-0.03
PIT/CIT	Savings income is taxed at the progressive system of 19 % and 21 % (above EUR 6 000) from 2010 instead of a flat 18 % rate	2010	0.07

Other	Temporary non-taxation from Tax on Capital Transfers and Documented Legal Act (ITP/AJD) for residential property registration purposes.	2009 - 2010	
Other	A 100 % tax rebate on the wealth tax.	2008	-0.17
CIT	Free depreciation for companies maintaining employment.	2009 - 2012	-0.06 (per year)
Other	Interest rate reduction in case of deferment of tax payments.	2009	
PIT	Deadline extension of contributions made to housing bank accounts schemes and own-housing reinvestment.	2009-2010	
PIT	Advanced claim of own housing mortgage tax deduction through monthly withholding tax payments.	2009	-0.05
Other	Increase in excises tax rates for tobacco and hydrocarbons	June 2009	0.05 (2009) 0.04 (2010)
Sweden			
SSC	Reduction in the rate of SSC by 1 percentage point for employees and self-employed.	2009	-0.2
SSC	Further reductions of SSC for persons aged under 26.	2009	-0.1
SSC	5% reduction of the total of SSC (maximum of SEK 10 000/year) for self-employed individuals between the age of 26 and 65.	July 2010	0.0
PIT	Increase in the in-work tax credit	2009, 2010	-0.6
PIT	Increase in the lower tax bracket for central government income tax.	2009	-0.2
PIT	Increase in the tax-free personal allowance for taxpayers aged over 65 years old.	2009, 2010, 2011	-0.3
CIT	Cut in the CIT rate from 28 % to 26.3 %.	2009	-0.2
CIT	Amendment of the 3:12 rule, applicable to closely held companies, by reducing the amount taxed as employment income.	2009	0.0
Other	Limitations on the tax deductibility of intra-group interest payments.	2009	0.4
Other	Extension of the right to deduct subsidiary's final loss available for resident parent company to subsidiaries resident in another EU country, under specific conditions.	July 2010	0.0
Other	Introduction of a tax credit for renovations, conversions and building maintenance (for households).	2009	-0.1
Other	Proposal to increase the real estate tax levied on hydroelectric power plants from 1.75 % to 2.8 % of the assessment value	2011-	0.0
Other	Proposal to raise stamp duties levied on transfers of immovable property payable by legal entities from 3 % to 4.2 % of the acquisition price.	2011	0.0
United Kingdom			
VAT	Temporary reduction in the standard VAT rate from 17.5 % to 15 % with effect from 1 December 2008 to 31 December 2009.	2008 - 2009	-0.87
PIT	A new higher tax rate (50 %) applies for annual incomes above GBP 150 000 and the personal allowance is restricted for annual incomes over GBP 100 000.	2010	

CIT	Deferral of the planned increase in the small companies' rate of corporation tax to April 2011.	2009 - 2011	2008/09 -0.00 2009/10 -0.03 2010/11 -0.01
Other	One-off payroll tax of 50 % on bonuses over GBP 25 000 paid by banks and building societies between 9 December 2009 and 5 April 2010	2010	0.04
Other	Increase in alcohol and tobacco duty to offset the effects of the VAT reduction.	2008	2008/09 0.07
Other	Temporary exemption from Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT) for acquisitions of residential property worth not more than GBP 175 000 for land transactions between September 2008 and end-2009.	2008 - 2009	-0.02
Other	Temporary increase in threshold at which empty property becomes liable for business rates.	2008 - 10	-0.02
Other	An increase in capital allowances for new investment to 40% for one year with effect from April 2009.	2009 - 10	-0.13
CIT	First budget for 2010-11: the main rate of corporation tax reduced to 27 % in April 2011, then in further 1 percentage point steps annually to 24 % in April 2014	2011 - 14	
CIT	First budget for 2010-11: the main rate of investment depreciation allowance reduced from 20 % to 18 % from April 2012	2012	
PIT	First budget for 2010-11: the capital gains tax goes from 18 % to 28 % for individuals liable to tax at 40 % or 50 % on their income. The lifetime limit on qualifying gains for entrepreneurs' relief is increased from GBP 2 million to GBP 5 million, and provides a 10 % rate for assets within it.	2010	
VAT	First budget for 2010-11: the standard rate will increase from 17.5 % to 20 % in January 2011	2011	
Other	First budget for 2010-11: introduction of a bank levy, which will apply to the balance sheets of UK banks and banking subsidiaries of other UK groups and the UK operations (subsidiaries and branches) of non-UK banks	2011	
Norway			
VAT	VAT base broadened with effect from 1 July to include attendance at certain cultural and sport venues at a low VAT rate of 8 %.	2010	
PIT	Adjustment of limit for tax free net income under tax limitation rule for pensioners.	2009	-0.02
PIT	15 per cent tax on Norwegian pensions for pensioners not domiciled in Norway.	2010	0.01

CIT	Introduction of allowance to carry back company losses (maximum NOK 20 million (€ 2.3 million) per year) to the preceding two years. The rules are temporary and affect company losses in 2008 and 2009.	2009	-0.02
CIT	A one-time initial depreciation allowance of 10 % for machines, etc.	2009	-0.04
CIT	Increase in tax credit for companies engaged in research and development projects approved by the Research Council of Norway.	2009	-0.01
CIT	Limitation of exemption regime for corporate shareholders to balance deduction of costs related to share income	2008	0.02 (2009)
Other	Reform of assessment base for net wealth tax (2009 and 2010) and inheritance tax (2009) and increase of tax free allowances of net wealth tax (2009 and 2010) and of inheritance tax (2009).	2009 2010	-0.04
Other	Increase of taxes on non alcoholic beverages.	2009	0.02
Other	Increase in excise duty rates on tobacco.	2010	0.01
Iceland			
VAT	VAT refund on housing renovation to households and municipalities increased from 60 % to 100 % (temporary).	2009 - 2010	
VAT	VAT standard rate increased from 24.5 % to 25.5 %.	2010	
VAT	Collectable VAT levied at import partly deferred by 1-2 months.	Nov. 2008 - Dec 2011	
SSC	Security tax rate of 5.34 % rose to 7 %.	July 2009	
SSC	Security tax rate of 7 % rose to 8.65 %.	2010	
PIT	Tax rate increased from 35.72 % to 37.2 % and tax-free minimum increased from ISK 1.1 billion (€ 6 423) to ISK 1.4 billion (€ 7 649).	2009	
PIT	Monthly incomes in excess of ISK 700 000 (€ 4 867) subject to a temporary surcharge of 8 %.	July 2009- December 2009	
PIT	Introduction of a three-level taxation of individual income with a tax-free minimum of ISK 1.4 billion (€ 8 007) with a minimum 37.22 % rate and a maximum 46.12 % rate.	2009	
PIT	Semi-annual investment income in excess of ISK 250 000 (€ 1 404) is subject to a temporary surcharge of 5 %.	July 2009- December 2009	
PIT	Increased frequency of collection of withheld tax on investment income; quarterly instead of annually.	July 2009	
PIT	Tax rate on investment income increased from 10 % to 18 %.	2010	
CIT	Corporate income tax rate increased from 15 % to 18 %.	2010	
CIT	The 10% ownership requirement for the non-taxation of capital gains from corporate sales of shares and inter-company dividends will take effect only from the tax year 2012 and apply to sales made in 2011 and dividends distributed in 2011, provided that the losses carried forward have been exhausted.	2012	

CIT	Interest, royalties and capital gains received from Iceland by non-resident individuals and corporate entities are taxable for their gross amount (previously, net amount).	2010	
Other	Excise tax on alcohol, tobacco, petrol, diesel and new cars; and motor vehicle annual fee increased in the range 10-21 % in nominal terms.	May 2009	
Other	Excise tax on alcohol, tobacco, petrol, diesel and new cars; and motor vehicle annual fee increased by 12.5 % in nominal terms.	December 2009	
Other	Excise tax on alcohol, tobacco, petrol, diesel and new cars; and motor vehicle annual fee increased in the range 3-12 % in nominal terms.	January 2010	
Other	New carbon tax on transport fuels, ½ of ETS emission permit price (temporary).	2010	
Other	New resource tax on electricity (ISK 0.12/kWh) and geothermal hot water (2 % rate) (temporary).	2010	
Other	New 1.25 % tax on net wealth of households in excess of ISK 90 million (€ 505 618) for an individual and ISK 120 million (€ 674 157) for couples.	2010	
Other	Various charges under Act 88/1991 (court charges, charges for various certificates, licenses etc.) increased, by 50 % in most cases.	2010	