



# Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities

## Commission Expert Group

**Name:** VAT Expert Group (E02813)  
(Active - Group which operates on a permanent basis)

**Abbreviation:** VATEG

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Lead DG:** TAXUD - DG Taxation and Customs Union

**Type:** Formal, Permanent

**Scope:** Limited

**Mission:** Advise Commission on the preparation of legislative acts and other policy initiatives in the field of VAT. Provide insight concerning the practical implementation of legislative acts and other EU policy initiatives in the field of VAT.

**Task:** Assist the Commission in the preparation of legislative proposals and policy initiatives

**Contact:** TAXUD-VAT-EXPERT-GROUP@ec.europa.eu

**Publication in RegExp:** 25 Sep 2012

**Creating Act:** Commission Decision of 26 June 2012 setting up a group of experts on value added tax (OJ C 188 of 28.6.2012, p. 2)

**Link to Website:** [http://https://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/business/vat/vat-expert-group\\_en](http://https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/vat/vat-expert-group_en)

**Last updated:** 15 Nov 2016

## **Additional Information**

### **Activity Report**

The first meeting of the group took place on 24 October 2012. The agenda, documents and summary minutes of that meeting and any future meetings are published on the website of the Directorate General "Taxation and Customs Union".

[http://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/taxation/vat/key\\_documents/expert\\_group/index\\_en.htm#meetings](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/taxation/vat/key_documents/expert_group/index_en.htm#meetings)

### **Selection Procedure (members)**

On 5 July 2016, the Commission adopted Decision C(2016) 4098 amending Decision 2012/C 188/02 with regard to the duration of the mandate of the members of the VAT Expert Group, and a call for applications for the selection of members and observers in the VAT Expert group was published. On 29 September 2016, the Director-General for Taxation and Customs Union appointed the members and observers to the VAT Expert Group for a mandate of 3 years starting on 1 October 2016. This is the third mandate of the VAT Expert Group.

[http://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/taxation/vat/key\\_documents/expert\\_group/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/taxation/vat/key_documents/expert_group/index_en.htm)

### **Internal Rules of Procedure**

The rules of procedure were adopted at the first meeting of the group on 24 October 2012.

[https://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/business/vat/vat-expert-group\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/vat/vat-expert-group_en)

### **Other**

## Members

### Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity

Name	Nationality	Professional Title	Membership Status
CENTORE Paolo	Italy		Member
ENGLISCH Joachim	Germany		Member
JENSEN Dennis Ramsdahl	Denmark	Professor	Member
LAMENSCH Marie	Belgium	Research Professor in Tax Law	Member
PAROLINI Andrea	Italy		Member
SANTACROCE Benedetto	Italy		Member
TRENTA Cristina	Italy	Associate Professor in Tax Law	Member
ARGINELLI Paolo	Italy		Alternate member
EHRKE-RABEL Tina	Austria		Alternate member
GALLEANI D'AGLIANO Nicola	Italy		Alternate member
MANTOVANI Matteo	Italy		Alternate member
STEENSGAARD Henrik	Denmark	Professor	Alternate member
TRAVERSA Edoardo	Belgium		Alternate member
WESTBERG Björn	Sweden	Professor in Tax Law and Public Finance	Alternate member

### Type C - Organisation

Name of Organisation	Category	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna, European School of Advanced Fiscal Studies (ESAFS)	Academia, Research Institute and Think Tanks	European	Member
Amazon Europe Core SARL	Companies/Groups	European	Member
American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union (AmCham EU)	Trade and business associations	United States of America	Member
Association des Praticiens de la TVA Européenne (APTE)	Professionals' Associations	France	Member
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)	Trade and business associations	International	Member
Bundessteuerberaterkammer (BStBK)	Professionals' Associations	Germany	Member
Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie e.V. (BDI)	Trade and business associations	Germany	Member
BUSINESSEUROPE	Trade and business associations	European	Member
CMS Bureau Francis Lefebvre (CMS BFL)	Law Firms	European	Member
Confédération Fiscale Européenne (CFE)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
Confederation of Finnish Industries EK (EK)	Trade and business associations	Finland	Member

Confederation of Swedish Enterprise	Trade and business associations	Sweden	Member
Confederazione Generale dell'Industria Italiana (Confindustria)	Trade and business associations	Italy	Member
Deloitte LLP	Professional Consultancies	International	Member
DER MITTELSTANDSVERBUND (ZGV)	Trade and business associations	Germany	Member
Ernst & Young Europe (EYE)	Trade and business associations	International	Member
EUROCHAMBRES – Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry (eurochambres)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
EuroCommerce	Trade and business associations	European	Member
Federation of European Accountants/Fédération des Experts comptables Européens (FEE)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
General Electric Company (GE)	Companies/Groups	International	Member
International VAT Association (IVA)	Trade and business associations	International	Member
Irish Tax Institute	Trade and business associations	Ireland	Member
KPMG EMA (KPMG EMA)	Companies/Groups	International	Member
KÜFFNER MAUNZ LANGER ZUGMAIER RechtsanwaltsGes. mbH (KMLZ)	Law Firms	International	Member
Law Square	Law Firms	International	Member
LeitnerLeitner	Professional Consultancies	International	Member
Malta Institute of Taxation (MIT)	Professionals' Associations	Malta	Member
MDDP Michalik Dłuska Dziedzic i Partnerzy (MDDP)	Professional Consultancies	European	Member
Procter & Gamble (P&G)	Companies/Groups	International	Member
Taxand EIG (Taxand)	Law Firms	International	Member
Tax Executives Institute, Inc. (TEI)	Trade and business associations	International	Member
The European VAT Club (VAT Club)	Academia, Research Institute and Think Tanks	European	Member
Union européenne de l'Artisanat et des petites et moyennes entreprises, aisbl (UEAPME)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
Association for Financial Markets in Europe (AFME)	Trade and business associations	European	Observer
Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)	Trade and business associations	European	Observer
Cruise Lines International Association Europe (CLIA Europe)	Other Organisations	European	Observer

ECTAA, Group of National Travel Agents' and Tour Operators' Associations within the EU (ECTAA)	Trade and business associations	European	Observer
European Banking Federation (EBF)	Trade and business associations	European	Observer
European Community Shipowner's Associations (ECSA)	Trade and business associations	European	Observer
European Express Association (EEA)	Trade and business associations	European	Observer
European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association (ETNO)	Trade and business associations	European	Observer
Fondazione Altgamma	Trade and business associations	European	Observer
Insurance Europe (Insurance Europe)	Trade and business associations	European	Observer
Sveriges Bussresearrangörer (SB)	Trade and business associations	Sweden	Observer
Transport and Environment (European Federation for Transport and Environment) (T&E)	NGOs	European	Observer

## Subgroups

No Subgroups assigned to this group.

## Statistics

### Number of Members: 40

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	7	female: 2	male: 5
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	33		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		

### Number of Alternate Members: 7

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	7	female: 1	male: 6
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		

### Number of Observers: 12

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	12		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		