

Brussels, Conference Center Albert Borschette, Rue Froissart 36, Room 0A

## "Political economy of tax reforms"

- 08:30-09:00**      **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 09:00-09:10      **Introduction** – *Servaas Deroose (DG ECFIN)*
- 09:10-09:30      **Kick-off presentation – Challenges for tax reforms in EU Member States:** main lessons from the 2015 "Tax Reforms Report" - *Florian Wóhlbier (DG ECFIN)*
- 09:30-12:45**      **Session I – Obstacles and strategies for tax reforms**  
Chair: *Lucio Pench (DG ECFIN)*
- 09:30-10:00      **Political economy of taxation: needs and drivers for tax reforms** - *Ian Preston (University College London)*
- 10:00-10:30      **Making fundamental tax reforms happen** – *Bert Brys (OECD)*
- 10:30-11:00      ☕      Coffee break
- 11:00-11:30      **Political support for tax reforms in Italy** – *Paola Profeta (Bocconi University)*
- 11:30-12:00      **Political challenges to reform taxation in Greece** – *Nikolaos Tatsos (Panteion University Athens)*
- 12:00-12:45      **General discussion** – *introductory comments by Karel Lannoo (Centre for European Policy Studies)*
- 12:45-14:00**      🍴      **Lunch break**
- 14:00-15:40**      **Session II – Focus on political economy dimensions of specific tax areas**  
Chair: *Valère Moutarlier (DG TAXUD)*
- 14:00-14:30      **Resistance to reforming property taxes** – *André Masson (Paris School of Economics)*
- 14:30-14:50      **Political economy of tax expenditures** – *Athena Kalyva (DG ECFIN)*
- 14:50-15:20      **Tax transparency and tax co-ordination: a new era for tax reforms in a globalised world** – *Michael Devereux (University of Oxford)*
- 15:20-15:40      Discussant: *Thomas Neubig (OECD)*
- 15:40-16:00**      ☕      **Coffee break**
- 16:00-17:00**      **Closing session**  
Chair: *Lucio Pench (DG ECFIN)*
- 16:00-16:15      **Keynote address – Political economy of tax reforms** - *Pierre Moscovici (EU Commissioner, Economic and Financial affairs, Taxation and Customs)*
- 16:15-17:00      **Closing panel discussion**  
Chair: *Lucio Pench (DG ECFIN)* – Panel: *Andreas Strub (Council of the European Union), Valère Moutarlier, Paola Profeta, Michael Devereux and Thomas Neubig*