Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union
Slovenia presides over the EU Council in the second half of 2021
SLOVENIA‘S PRESIDENCY PROGRAMME
1 July - 31 December 2021

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Official name: The Republic of Slovenia
Political system: Parliamentary democracy
Capital city: Ljubljana
Surface area: 20,271 km²
Population: 2.1 million
Currency: Euro (1 euro = 100 cents)
Language: Slovenian; also Italian and Hungarian in ethnically mixed areas
SLOVENIA’S PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES

- Slovenia's six-month programme of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union is based on four PRIORITIES:

  - Strive to facilitate the EU's recovery and reinforce its resilience,
  - Reflect on the future of Europe,
  - Strengthen the rule of law and European values, and
  - Increase security and stability in the European neighbourhood
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

- Focus on recovery and the exit from the crisis
- Implementation the Recovery and Resilience Mechanism
- Sustainable finance package with the focus on the Green Bond Standard
- Anti-money laundering and terrorist financing
- Capital Markets Union package
- Implementation of Basel III standards and Solvency II
- Digital finance package
- EU budget for 2022
PRIORITIES IN THE FIELD OF TAXATION

• Direct taxation
  ▪ Digital levy
  ▪ Code of Conduct Group (business taxation)
    • EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions
  ▪ International developments

• Indirect taxation
  ▪ Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)
  ▪ Energy taxation Directive (ETD) – revision
  ▪ Value Added Tax (VAT)
PRIORITIES – DIRECT TAXATION

• Digital levy
  ▪ Proposal is expected in mid-July
  ▪ Part of Own Resources Package
  ▪ Solutions OECD compatible
  ▪ Key priority in the area of taxation

• International developments and EU response
  ▪ OECD/G20 work
    • EU and its Member States are committed to finding globally coordinated solutions at the OECD (political agreement – 2021 will be crucial )
  ▪ Commission legislative proposals
    • Shell Companies, DEBRA, BEFIT, etc. - Communication „Business Taxation for the 21st Century“
PRIORITIES – DIRECT TAXATION

• Code of Conduct Group (business taxation)
  ▪ Update of the listing process at the ECOFIN Council in October 2021
  ▪ Update and revision of the mandate of the Code of Conduct Group
  ▪ Coordination of defensive measures
  ▪ Monitoring of third countries
PRIORITIES – INDIRECT TAXATION

• The Fit for 55 package (expected in July 2021)
  • Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)
  • Revision of the Energy Tax Directive

• VAT ongoing proposals:
  • VAT rates
  • VAT buy and donate
THANK YOU