



IOTA IS A BOAT THAT WE SAIL TOGETHER - 25TH FORUM OF IOTA PRINCIPAL CONTACT PERSONS (PCPS)

This inclusive and interactive Forum was held in February in Antwerp, hosted by the Federal Public Service Finance of Belgium. The Forum serves as a platform for dialogue between the IOTA Secretariat and the 44 PCPs appointed in member tax administrations. PCPs are the bridge between the organisation and its members, playing a crucial role in the exchange of information, preparation and implementation of the work programme.

Mr Hans D'Hondt, President of the Executive Committee of Federal Public Service Finance of Belgium, welcomed the participants and spoke about the importance of IOTA in exchanging knowledge and experience and underlined the importance of member countries' engagement with the organisation. Together with his colleagues he also presented the findings of the IOTA Project on Measuring Debt Management Performance sponsored by Belgium.

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IOTA'S TAX ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION PLATFORM (TIP) BECAME AVAILABLE FOR OUR MEMBERS

IOTA's secure online data portal, the IOTA-TIP, which allows access and use of comparative data on 41 IOTA member tax administrations collected through the International Survey on Revenue Administration (ISORA), became available for IOTA member countries. The platform facilitates cross-country comparisons and analyses and enables participating IOTA member tax administrations to take high level management decisions to improve their tax administration and processes and find appropriate solutions for underperformance in particular areas.

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IOTA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC) MEETINGS

The meeting of the 110th EC was held in Paris and the 111th EC was held in Copenhagen. Both meetings resulted in important decisions about the functioning and the work of our organisation. Read more about the meetings in [Paris](#) and [Copenhagen](#).

TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY IOTA FOR ITS MEMBERS



ENSURING TAX COMPLIANCE OF DIGITAL ECONOMY OPERATORS

IOTA WORKSHOP

13-15 March Budapest, Hungary

During the 2,5 days long workshop 54 participants from 31 IOTA member countries discussed how tax administrations can conduct effective compliance actions to ensure that the digital economy operators fulfil their tax obligations.

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ISORA-TIP TRAININGS

JOINT IOTA-OECD TRAININGS

9-10 April and 12-13 April Budapest, Hungary

In the trainings participants learnt how to use the IOTA-TIP data platform and its functionalities and how it helps IOTA member tax administrations to measure, compare and benchmark their performance.

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THE NEWEST POSSIBILITIES AND FUTURE TRENDS OF TAXPAYER SERVICES

IOTA WORKSHOP

24-26 April Tbilisi, Georgia

In this interactive workshop more than 50 participants from 29 IOTA member countries discussed the use of highly sophisticated digital solutions in taxpayer services such as big data and advanced analytics, customer-oriented cloud and mobile solutions and digital communication channels.

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PUBLICATIONS

NEW TAX TRIBUNE MAGAZINE



Our reformed magazine with interviews, stories and articles from IOTA community has been published. Read about:

- how Romania improved taxpayers services inspired by IOTA workshops,
- how IOTA's President sees our organisation and the challenges we are facing,
- how a tax administration can be reorganised,
- how we will say goodbye to the tax calendar of 2000 years,
- how a senior manager in tax administration can be also be a drummer in a heavy metal band and
- how the Nordic countries of IOTA cooperate together.

Find the magazine [HERE](#)



IOTA IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Mr František Imrecze, President of IOTA and Mr Miguel Silva Pinto, IOTA's Executive Secretary met Mr Pascal Saint-Amans, Director of the OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration to discuss common initiatives in Paris on 24-25 January 2018. More meetings took place between IOTA Secretariat and OECD Global Relations, OECD Secretariat and OECD FTA.

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IOTA's key role in the international tax arena was further strengthened by the President's active participation in the meeting of Platform for Collaboration on Tax (PCT) at the United Nations on February 14-16. Mr František Imrecze addressed a key session of the conference, represented the organisation in a meeting of the regional tax organisations and held several side meetings with high-level representatives of international organisations.

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Miguel Silva Pinto, IOTA's Executive Secretary was a keynote speaker in the VERTEX Exchange 2018 Conference, which took place in Amsterdam on 18-19 April 2018. This annual event puts together information and technology experts with corporate users to present new trends and IT solutions for tax management.

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IOTA MEMBER NEWS



Latvian Tax Reform 2018

The State Revenue Service of Latvia to cooperate with the World Bank for the more effective administration of taxes

Mr Markku Heikura appointed as the new Director-General of the Finnish Tax Administration

The common EU candidate for the position of WCO Secretary General is from Spain

The Director General of the State Revenue Service of Latvia passed away

Tax and Customs Authority of Portugal innovates tax payments

Twining Project between the Tax Administration of Montenegro and Spain

Payment of taxes by direct debit in Portugal

Norway is the first country which has agreement with the EU in the prevention of VAT fraud

New app and services of the Spanish Tax Agency for Personal Income Tax Campaign

The Largest Taxpayers of 2017 Honoured in Latvia

UPCOMING EVENTS UNTIL JUNE

- ▶ **TAX ADMINISTRATION DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT TOOL (TADAT) TRAINING**
(8 - 10 May Budapest, Hungary)
- ▶ **APPLICATION OF THE ARM'S LENGTH PRICE PRINCIPLE: ADDRESSING COMPARABLE DATA FOR TRANSFER PRICING AND MINERAL PRICING**
(14 - 18 May Vienna, Austria, joint OECD-IOTA event)
- ▶ **TAX PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT (TPLD) FORUM**
(29 - 31 May Warsaw, Poland)
- ▶ **22ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOTA: IMPACT OF DIGITALISATION ON THE TRANSFORMATION OF TAX ADMINISTRATIONS**
(25 - 27 June Bratislava, Slovakia)



22nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 2018 BRATISLAVA

We will gather leaders from 44 tax administrations, businesses, international organisations and academia to discuss how tax administration and technology are increasingly interlinked. We will explore innovative projects and solutions, including

robotics, blockchains, machine learning and cloud computing that empower tax administrations to modernise services for taxpayers. Come and join us for the journey from "thinking digital" to "being digital"!

Register now! For further information visit our website or contact us: secretariat@iota-tax.org

