

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Member,

We hope that you had a peaceful holiday season and that you are back to your (home) office with the energy and motivation required to kick off the year 2021. At IOTA we are back to work fully recharged and we have already begun the organisation of forums, webinars, workshops and more that are to take place in 2021. Our resolution for the new year is to bring even more value to our Members and Partners than we did before by further improving our events and by strengthening our relationships with international partners and academia - but for now, we will begin with sharing the latest IOTA news below. Happy new year!

IOTA News

Job Opportunity at the IOTA Secretariat

We are looking for an experienced revenue collection/enforcement expert from IOTA member tax administration with strong commitment to delivering a high-quality service and the potential to bring a significant contribution to the expansion of the operations of the Organisation.

The successful applicant will be seconded to IOTA in order to support the IOTA Secretariat in the process of facilitating knowledge sharing and exchange of practice on a range of tax administration issues, and ensuring the effective delivery of the technical activities of the Organisation. He/she will report directly to the IOTA Work Programme Manager and to the Executive Secretary of IOTA.

Please be informed that the final deadline for submitting applications for this position is the 25th January 2021.

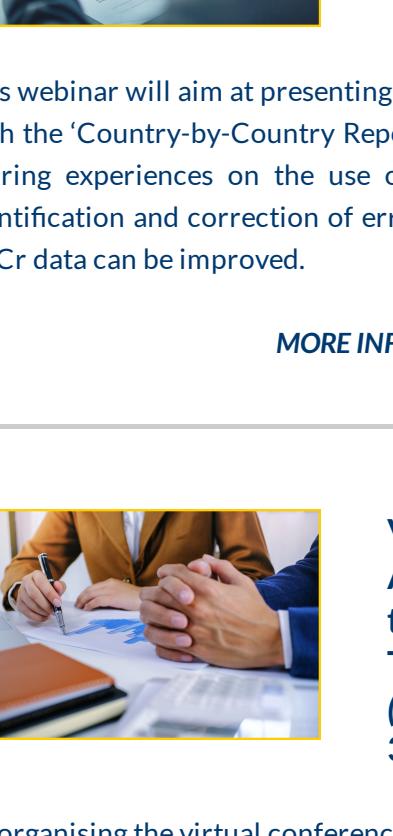
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Second IOTA Talks for PCPs and Shadow PCPs

IOTA Talks is a regular digital event designed for Principal Contact Persons (PCPs) and Shadow PCPs aiming to give a better understanding of decisions made by the Executive Council, forthcoming events and other IOTA activities. The second IOTA Talks, held on 15th December 2020, focused on the outcomes of the 123rd Executive Council Meeting.

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IOTA Forum on Combating VAT Fraud

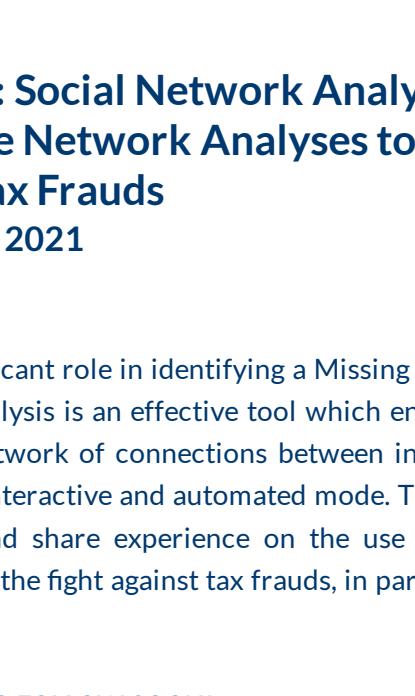


The IOTA Forum on Combating VAT Fraud took place 25th-26th November 2020, where more than 120 participants gathered from 35 IOTA Member Countries in the cyberspace. This year's Forum focused on two main topics: new VAT fraud trends and future risks as consequence of COVID-19. The two-day Forum offered four plenary sessions, with 12 presentations in total.

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Implementation of Measures to Counter BEPS

IOTA's Forum on Implementation of Measures to Counter Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) was held digitally on 8th-10th December 2020. 144 participants from 30 countries came together to identify best practices in the way Tax Administrations implement key BEPS Actions. The Forum on BEPS also aims to create opportunities for its members to work collaboratively towards meeting the emerging challenges of implementing the BEPS measures.

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Implementing Culture of Change in Tax Administrations



IOTA's Webinar on Implementing Culture of Change in Tax Administrations was held 11th December 2020. 120 registered participants from 31 IOTA member countries learnt from three Heads of HR of IOTA member Tax Administrations, who shared their experiences on how to successfully develop and implement a culture of change within their organisations.

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IOTA at Digital Economy Taxation Conference



The high-level online DET Conference was held in December and ran under the theme 'Digitalisation of the Tax Function: The Perspective of Business and Tax Administration'. During the two-day event, Massimo Morarelli, International Taxation Expert at the IOTA Secretariat, gave a presentation during the session 'Using New Technologies to Improve Existing VAT/GST Systems'.

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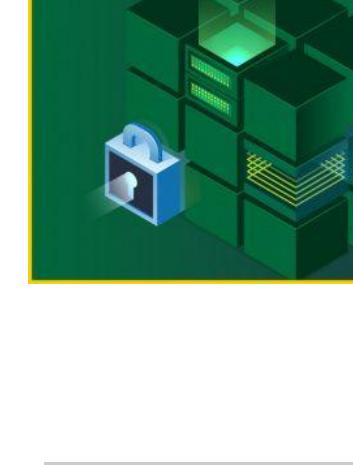
Mr. František Imrecze Delivers Plenary Speech at 2020 TARC Conference

The 8th Annual Conference of the Tax Administration Research Centre (TARC) at the University of Exeter Business School took place 15th-17th December 2020, where IOTA's Executive Secretary, Mr. František Imrecze delivered a plenary session speech on the topic 'Digitalisation of tax administrations and mastering team engagement – key elements of success during crisis and beyond'.

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Activities

Please note: Registration for the below events is only possible for Principal Contact Persons of IOTA. If you would like to attend, kindly contact the PCP of your Tax Administration to invite you to register online to the IOTA event you are interested in.

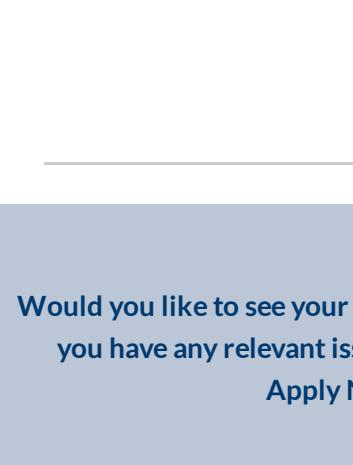


Virtual Roundtable on Tax Morale: Cooperation and Trust between Multinational Enterprises (MNEs) and Tax Authorities (joint OECD-IOTA event)
20th January 2021, 9:30-13:30 (CET, GMT+1)

An event to facilitate a dialogue process between MNEs and tax authorities based on the key findings of the OECD surveys to identify possible approaches and tools to improve tax morale in IOTA member countries.

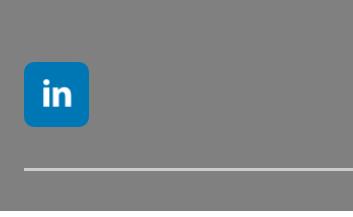
Objectives:

- To facilitate a dialogue aimed at building tax morale in large businesses, through improving cooperation and mutual trust between MNEs and tax authorities.
- To identify key issues for both MNEs and tax authorities, and potential tools and approaches to address these issues.
- To improve interactions between MNEs and tax authorities: directing interactions towards formal channels; improving guidelines and guidance; preventing disputes and encouraging early resolution of disagreements, based on key findings of the OECD's empirical surveys.

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Webinar: Quality and Effective Use of 'Country-by-Country Reporting' Data
24th February 2021, 11:00 (CET, GMT+1)

This webinar will aim at presenting successful IOTA member country approaches of working with the 'Country-by-Country Reporting' (CbCr) data for the compliance risk management, sharing experiences on the use of IT solutions for managing CbCr data including the identification and correction of errors, and discussing how the quality and effectiveness of CbCr data can be improved.

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Virtual Conference: Business Meets Tax Authorities - Facilitating Tax Compliance of the Tourism Industry in (post)COVID-19 Times (joint IOTA-IBFD event)
3rd March 2021

By organising the virtual conference, IOTA and IBFD aim at creating a dialogue where a clear understanding of the needs of this business sector for tax compliance and the challenges of the tax authorities are identified. The event will offer an opportunity to discuss special tax regimes and tax compliance support measures implemented to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 in tourism and support recovery. Case studies and other examples of successful cooperation between tax administrations and businesses operating in the tourism industry will be presented during the event.

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Webinar: Social Network Analyses - Use of the Network Analyses to Detect Tax Frauds
10th March 2021

The analytical activities continue playing a significant role in identifying a Missing Trader in the carousel fraud schemes. Social Network Analysis is an effective tool which enables tax administration to analyse parameterized the network of connections between individuals and entities involved in fraudulent activities in interactive and automated mode. The aim of this webinar is to exchange good practices and share experience on the use of social network analysis to improve the effectiveness of the fight against tax frauds, in particular in the field of VAT.

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Webinar: The Latest Developments of Information and Communication Technologies in Tax Administrations (joint CIAT-IOTA event)
31st March 2021, 16:00 (CET, GMT+1)

Showcase the latest digital technologies and forward-looking solutions from the on-practice experience of tax administrations in Europe and the Americas, which are enabling the core processes' efficiency.

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Member News

Rapid Response to COVID-19 Economic Challenges in Armenia

The coronavirus epidemic posed an unexpected challenge to both the world and Armenia. In addition to huge healthcare problems, economic and social challenges emerged. During the epidemic, significant sectors of the economy were forced into inactivity, thus complicating tax collection for the country. In this situation, the State Revenue Committee of the Republic of Armenia (SRC) was able to set the right priorities in the difficult process of securing tax revenues.

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New President of the Slovak Financial Administration

International Relations and Cooperation Department of the Slovak Financial Administration informs about the recent change in position of President of the Slovak Financial Administration. 1st December 2020, Mr. Jiří Žežulká was appointed to the position of President of the Slovak Financial Administration. This appointment is the result of the public hearing selection procedure.

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Lithuania has received 6.4 million EUR from selling seized cryptocurrencies

The Lithuanian State Tax Inspectorate (STI) has realized 6.4 million euros from the sale of cryptocurrency (Bitcoin, Ethereum and Monero) just recently seized by law enforcement authorities back in February 2020. The cryptocurrencies were sold at a market price on 18 November 2020 and the funds from the sale were allocated to the state budget. To prepare for the sale, the STI also created a crypto wallet.

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