Welcome to the IOTA Newsletter. In this issue, we bring you updates on our activities, recent developments, and upcoming events. Enjoy reading!

IOTA News

IOTA Work Programme 2021

The IOTA Work Programme 2021 is now available on our website. It outlines our objectives and initiatives for the year, focusing on areas such as tax transparency, cross-border issues, and digitalization. We encourage you to explore it and provide feedback on how we can better serve our members.

Video Coverage - BEPS Forum 2020

Missed the IOTA 2020 Forum on Implementation of Measures to Counter BEPS? No problem! Watch the summary video covering key discussion points, or even the whole event from December. 44 participants from 30 countries came together to discuss the latest developments in BEPS prevention.

Activities

Webinar: Social Network Analyses - Lessons Learned: How to Tackle the Carousel Fraud Schemes

Social Network Analysis is an effective tool for tax administrations to analyze the network of connections between individuals and entities. This webinar will share insights from the Northern Directorate of the Judiciary Police, the Oporto Department of Investigation and Penal Action, and the Estonian Tax and Customs Board on how they have applied these techniques in their work.

Webinar: The Lycee Development of Social Network Analyzes to Identify Missing Trader in COVID-19

This webinar will highlight the Lycee’s innovative approach to using Social Network Analysis to identify Missing Traders in the context of COVID-19. Participants will gain an understanding of the analytical activities that have been conducted to support tax authorities in their efforts to detect carousel fraud schemes.

Webinar: Detection of Efficiencies and Compliance Risk Management

This webinar focuses on the role of Social Network Analysis in detecting efficiencies and compliance risk management. Participants will learn about the latest developments in this field and how they can be applied to enhance tax administration capabilities.

Webinar: Quality and Effectiveness of Country-by-Country Reporting Data and ‘Country-by-Country Reporting’ Data

This webinar examines the quality and effectiveness of ‘Country-by-Country Reporting’ data. Participants will gain insights into the latest guidelines and best practices for improving the use of this data for compliance risk management.

Member News

New Director General of the Estonian Tax and Customs Board

Mr. Georgios Pitsilis has been appointed as the New Director General of the Estonian Tax and Customs Board. His appointment is a significant milestone for the Estonian tax authorities. Mr. Pitsilis brings a wealth of experience to this role, having served as the Director General of the Estonian Tax and Customs Board for the past five years.

Portugal: Operation Free Wheel

A comprehensive operation targeting tax fraud has been conducted in Portugal. The operation, led by the Directorate General of Revenue of the Portuguese Treasury, targeted a network of companies and individuals involved in carousel fraud schemes. The efforts yielded significant results, including the arrest of several suspects and the recovery of substantial amounts.


The Lithuanian tax authorities have introduced a new electronic submission titled “Resident Certificate – Tax Relief Application.” This initiative aims to facilitate the process of submitting and receiving tax relief certificates. The new system is expected to improve efficiency and reduce administrative burdens for taxpayers.

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