



NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2021

Dear Member,

After a year of sending regular monthly newsletters to you, we felt like it was time to get a fresh look! We kept the core elements and topics we like to use but we have tried to dress them up a bit more nicely. We are also busy with preparing for the 25th IOTA General Assembly that will be once again (but hopefully for the last time) held digitally. Keep on scrolling for more IOTA news!

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11.05.2021

Tax Communication: Back to the Future

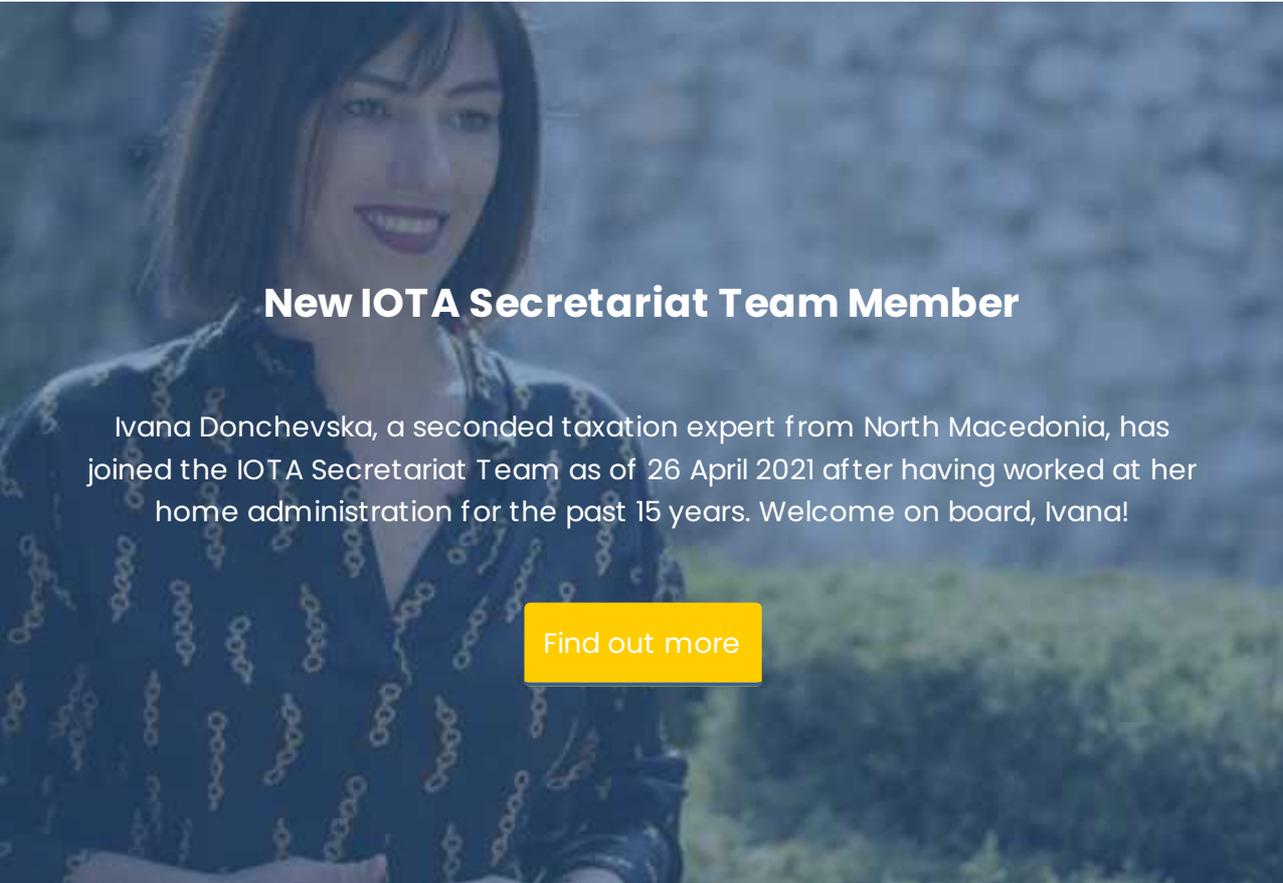
Participants shared experiences about how the communication environment changed and how communications activities need to adapt to the new normal during the 2021 IOTA Forum on Communication. This year's theme was "Tax Communication: Back to the Future".



18.05.2021

Employee Well-Being During Remote Working

Representatives of 10 IOTA Member Countries share their experiences and best practices in the latest IOTA 'video event' on the topic of Employee well-being during remote working. The 33-minute compilation of videos is available now on the IOTA website.

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New IOTA Secretariat Team Member

Ivana Donchevska, a seconded taxation expert from North Macedonia, has joined the IOTA Secretariat Team as of 26 April 2021 after having worked at her home administration for the past 15 years. Welcome on board, Ivana!

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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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 or Shadow PCP of your Tax Administration to invite you to register online to the IOTA event you are interested in.

8-10.06.2021. Digital

Forum on Implementation of Measures to Counter BEPS

The purpose of this Forum is to share experiences and best practice on the implementation of measures to counter BEPS. This year's Forum meeting will focus on the following aspects of the BEPS Action Plan:

- Tax challenges arising from digitalisation of the economy (Action 1);
- Effective treatment of information on tax rulings subject to the automatic exchange between tax administrations (Action 5);
- Mandatory Disclosure Rules (Action 12);
- Country-by-Country Reporting (Action 13).

The Forum meeting will also include sessions on transfer pricing and the experiences and expectations of businesses.

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11.06.2021. Digital

4th IOTA Talks

This regular meeting of IOTA Secretariat and PCPs/Shadow PCPs will discuss the decisions taken by the 126th Executive Council meeting (26–27.05.2021) as well as latest development and upcoming activities in the organisation, including preparations for the 25th General Assembly.

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16–17.06.2021. Digital

Forum on Combating VAT Fraud

The purpose of the Forum meeting is to assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on members' strategies for combating VAT frauds. In addition, it will also explore any new VAT fraud trends, in particular VAT frauds facilitated by the use of alternative payment systems and money laundering.

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30.06–02.07.2021, Digital

25th IOTA General Assembly

This year's General Assembly is going to bring together the commissioners of IOTA member tax administrations along with the representatives of international organisations, businesses, academic society, etc and to foster

debate about the challenges of using data in the fight against tax evasion and aggressive tax planning.

Particular focus of the Technical Session of IOTA General Assembly will be on:

- Enhancing the effective use of domestic and cross-border data exchange for tackling offshore tax evasion
- Effective deployment of new technology (artificial intelligence, blockchain, etc.) for data processing and management
- Ensuring the quality of data exchanged between tax administrations
- Implications of data protection and data confidentiality on the transfer and usage of data
- Concerns and difficulties faced by businesses in complying with reporting, due diligence and secure exchange of fiscal information requirements

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New virtual assistance tools in the Spanish Tax Agency

AEAT has launched two additional virtual assistance services: one for the Personal Income Tax Campaign of fiscal year 2020 and other censal purposes. They are the so-called PIT and Censal “informants”.

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Georgian tax initiatives against pandemic challenges

In order to overcome challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic, Georgian Finance Minister Lasha Khutsishvili has introduced new tax initiatives on 17 May 2021.

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FPS Finance publishes article on tax compliance

The Belgian FPS Finance's work on Behavioral Insights and Tax Compliance has been published in the Journal of Political Economy with the article "How to Improve Tax Compliance? Evidence from Population-Wide Experiments in Belgium."

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New DG of the National Revenue Agency of Bulgaria

The National Revenue Agency of Bulgaria has appointed a new Director General, Mr. Rumen Spetsov, who is a highly qualified expert with more than 10 years of professional experience at the NRA.

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Poland launches new e-TOLL platform

In June 2021, the Polish National Revenue Administration is going to launch e-TOLL, a new electronic toll collection system for driving on selected sections of motorways, expressways and national roads.

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LATEST VIDEOS

Full event recordings:

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**2021 Forum on
Communication**
Day 1-2



**Employee Well-Being
During Remote
Working**



**Webinar on COVID-19
Crisis**



**Webinar on Risks of
the Digital Economy**

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IOTA Paper

ITALY, GREEN LIGHT FOR THE START OF THE NEW PROJECT FOR PREPOPULATED VAT RETURNS

This report was published on 23rd April 2021. It was prepared by the Subgroup of the Forum on Combating VAT Fraud and it sheds light on VAT fraud schemes emerging in the digital economy.

The report uses data provided by 32 IOTA member tax administrations participating in a country survey conducted in January–March 2020. The report aims to raise awareness about new types of VAT fraud schemes emerging in the digital economy as well as to identify examples of the effective and appropriate use of available databases, along with the international cooperation in action.

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