NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2022

CATCH UP WITH THE LATEST IOTA NEWS!

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discover more about the latest IOTA Workshop “Tax Gap Estimation and Use – Latest Developments”
- The 26th IOTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY is just around the corner – New video from the Swiss Presidency is available now!
- The latest IOTA Paper has arrived from Belgium: COVID-19 Exit Strategy in the field of debt management

Scroll down to find out what is dominating the headlines!

UPDATES ON THE SECRETARIAT

24.05.2022

133rd Executive Council Meeting of IOTA

The 133rd Executive Council Meeting of IOTA was held between 18th – 19th May 2022 in Paris, France hosted by the General Directorate of Public Finances of France. This event was the first in-person Executive Council Meeting after two years of virtual operation.
Updated IOTA Work Programme 2022

The following changes have been made in relation to IOTA technical and administrative activities:

The next IOTA Talks will be held on 10 June 2022 from 9.00 to 12.30 (CEST)

Webinar “Identifying and Addressing Corruption Risks in Tax Administration” will be held on 15 June 2022.

Forum on Implementation of measures to counter BEPS will be held on 8–10 November 2022 in Budapest, Hungary.

8th Regional Meeting on BEPS for Eurasian countries (joint IOTA–OECD event) – dates and format are subject to further agreement between OECD and IOTA.

IOTA Workshop on Tax Gap Estimation and Use – Latest Developments

‘Tax Gap Estimation and Use – Latest Developments’ was the theme of IOTA’s two-day digital workshop, held between 11th and 12th May 2022. The event welcomed 144 registered participants from 29 IOTA tax administrations and 13 from OECD/FTA countries. The workshop aimed to identify practical solutions for enhancing the administrative capacity of tax administrations in measuring tax gaps, with the final goal of improving tax administration performance.
IOTA and OECD Jointly Organised the Next Regional Consultation on International Tax Matters for Eurasia

The Intra-European Organisation of Tax Administrations (IOTA) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) successfully co-hosted the next regional consultation on international tax matters on 30th May 2022. This consultation followed the January consultation on the developments of the Two-Pillar Solution to address the tax challenges of digitalisation.

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IOTA MEMBER NEWS

27.05.2022

New Director General of the National Revenue Administration in Poland Appointed

The National Revenue Administration in Poland has appointed a new Director General, Mr. Bartosz Zbaraszczuk, he took the office on 12th May 2022. Since 2000, Mr. Zbaraszczuk has been professionally connected with the tax administration. He has experience in tax jurisprudence and internal audit, he also dealt with the area of analyses, audit and combating economic crime. He attaches great importance to the exchange of experiences and cooperation between our tax administrations and external stakeholders. IOTA congratulates Mr. Zbaraszczuk on his appointment and we wish him success in this new position!

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04.05.2022

The Portuguese Tax Administration Launched a
**New APP for Self-employed Taxpayers**

**ATGo** is a newly developed mobile application (available on both iOS and Android operating systems) that allows self-employed taxpayers to easily comply with their tax obligations and manage their professional activities in a single point of access, an integrated and mobile environment. Portugal is one of the EU countries with the highest rates of self-employed individuals. Currently, approximately 1 million taxpayers have an open activity, therefore it is essential to make this application available to this segment of taxpayers.

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 the event you are interested in.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

7th–9th June 2022, Budapest, Hungary

**Forum on Combating VAT Fraud**

“Cross-border VAT frauds in the post-pandemic area”

After more than two years since the outbreak of the pandemic, the IOTA Forum on Combating VAT Fraud will take place physically in Budapest with the VAT experts and auditors of the IOTA tax administrations. The purposes of this year’s Forum are the following:

- identify new fraud trends in cross-border VAT fraud;
- share concrete VAT fraud cases involving digital platforms (cryptocurrencies, Non-fungible tokens (NFTs), alternative payment platforms etc.);
- VAT fraud cases where administrative cooperation and the use of data have played a crucial role in the auditing activities.
This Forum meets once per year during its two-year Mandate, it provides delegates with an opportunity to discuss a wide range of topics, problems and issues relating to VAT fraud that are in line with the Forum mandate.

NEW DATE! – 15th June 2022, Digital

**Webinar on Identifying and Addressing Corruption Risks in Tax Administration**

The IOTA webinar will offer opportunities for IOTA members to share good practices and efforts to prevent corruption and identify measures and methods to fight against corruption. The main objectives of this event are to share country examples of effective approaches to the efficient management of corruption risks, including internal mechanisms and processes implemented to detect and prevent corruption-related risks in tax administration.

More specifically the Webinar will:

- Explore various risk management models, and identify high-risk areas of corruption to minimize the corrupt behaviour in tax administration;
- Explain the systematic approach in the fight against corruption and anti-corruption measures.

15th–16th June 2022, Oslo, Norway

**ISORA Workshop "Survey Completion and Data Usage"**

A joint IOTA-OECD ISORA workshop is aimed at discussing good practices for ISORA preparation and completion as well as the use of the ISORA data by tax administrations.
The workshop will provide an opportunity for ISORA country co-
ordinators and analysts using ISORA data to meet in person and
discuss their approaches to complete ISORA survey, the ways to
improve internal data collection processes, resolve complicated
issues and share the best practices for completing the survey.

On 29th and 30th June 2022, the IOTA General Assembly will be
held in Zürich under the Swiss Presidency. This year the
technical session will follow the theme “Compliance and Trust:
affecting tax behaviour while redefining the relationship
between taxpayers and tax administrations” and the GA will
address:

- Taxpayer psychology and behaviour: taxpayers’ perspectives
  and attitudes to paying taxes, tools available to build tax
  ethics and tax morale, the importance of communication in
  trust-building.
- Embedding trust in the overall strategy of a tax
  administration: staff engagement in redefining the
  relationship between taxpayers and tax authorities.
- Extensive use of digital platforms and tools to change
taxpayer behaviour and enhance trust and foster
  compliance.
- Cooperation between governmental bodies: sharing
  information between different governmental bodies, use of a
  single digital identification, and legal boundaries for
  cooperation between governmental bodies.
LATEST VIDEOS
Full event and invitation recordings:
(for registered users of the IOTA Website)

26th IOTA General Assembly
On 29th and 30th June 2022, the 26th IOTA General Assembly will be held in Zürich, Switzerland. Please watch the official invitation video from the Swiss Presidency and the IOTA Secretariat to the 26th IOTA General Assembly.

IOTA Workshop on Tax Gap Estimation and Use – Latest Developments
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IOTA Workshop on Facilitation of Taxpayer Touchpoints
The IOTA Workshop on Facilitation of Taxpayer Touchpoints shared a unique perspective on member experiences, best practices of actions and strategies to improve and integrate unnecessary taxpayer touchpoints. The event was organised between 20th and 21st April 2022.

LATEST PUBLICATIONS
COVID-19 Exit Strategy in the Field of Debt Management

Like for all administrations, the functioning of the Belgian General Administration for Collection and Recovery (GACR) was severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. At the start of and during the pandemic, a wide range of measures were taken to provide citizens and companies with financial breathing space, i.e. by providing faster refunds, halting recovery measures or being more flexible in granting payment plans. However, from the start it was clear that all such measures should be temporary in order to avoid taxpayers considering those exceptional measures as new general practice, which in turn could lead to increased non-compliance and may prove to be difficult to counter.

Read the full IOTA Paper

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