

BEPS.in.UA: Forum on International Tax Co-operation

1 November 2018, Kyiv, Ukraine

As the world becomes increasingly globalized and cross-border activities become the norm, tax administrations need to work together to ensure that taxpayers pay the right amount of tax to the right jurisdiction. Since 2015 the implementation of the OECD/G20 BEPS project has become a mainstream in both advanced and developing countries as it equips them with the necessary legal, administrative and IT toolkits for counteracting tax avoidance and shifting profits to low or no-tax jurisdictions. Over 115 countries have already joined the Inclusive Framework on BEPS. The enhanced co-operation between tax authorities is crucial in bringing national tax administration in line with the globalized economy.

The implementation of the BEPS project in Ukraine is a top prerequisite for easing of capital controls and allowing the free flow of capital according to the Association Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine and is one of seven priorities of the NBU's medium-term strategy. The implementation of the tax transparency standards and close cooperation between tax authorities in a cross-border context will allow addressing possible abuses.

Goal: BEPS.in.UA Forum will enable learning from the best world practices on how to tackle BEPS and ensure long-term tax compliance. It will also help hearing the voice of business and banks about recent trends in the international environment and the prospects of unifying approaches to regulating international transactions and ensuring their transparency.

Target audience: International business, banks, representatives of Ukrainian state authorities (MoF, SFS), international organizations (OECD, WB, IMF), members of Parliament.



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(Draft Agenda)

Thursday, 1 November 2018

8:00-9:00 **Welcome coffee**

- Participant registration

9:00-9:30 **Opening Session**

- Welcome address – Mr Petro POROSHENKO, President of Ukraine (TBC)
- Opening remarks – Ms Oksana MARKAROVA, Acting Minister, Ministry of Finance of Ukraine
- Opening remarks – Mr Yakiv SMOLII, Governor, National Bank of Ukraine
- Opening remarks – Mr Dónal GODFREY, Deputy Head of the Secretariat, OECD's Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes (TBC)

9:30-10:50 **International / Ministerial Panel. CURRENT CHALLENGES OF THE TAX AVOIDANCE: HOW EFFECTIVE IS THE ACTION PLAN ON BASE EROSION AND PROFIT SHIFTING?**

- Moderator: Ms Heike BUSS, Advisor, OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration

Panelists:

- Mr Serhii VERLANOV, Deputy of Minister of Finance of Ukraine
- Mr Paolo Valerio BARBANTINI, Deputy Tax Commissioner (Italy) (TBC)
- Mr Elton HAXHI, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy of Albania (TBC)
- Mr Lasha KHUTSISHVILI, Deputy Finance Minister of Georgia (TBC)
- Representative of consulting company

Group photo and coffee break (11:00-11:30)

11:30-13:00 **Discussion Panel. TAX TRANSPARENCY: IS IT THE END OF BANKING SECRECY?**

- Moderator: Ms Anzhela CEDELLE, Counsellor at the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes

Panelists:

- Mr Ihor BEREZA, Head of Financial Monitoring Department, National Bank of Ukraine
- Representative of State Fiscal Service (TBC)
- Mr Sahib ALAKBAROV, Deputy of Minister of Taxes of Azerbaijan (TBC)
- Mr Giorgi TABUASHVILI, First Deputy Finance Minister, Director General of Revenue Service of Georgia (TBC)
- Ms Katja GEY, Director of Office for International Affairs, Liechtenstein (TBC)
- Mr Timothy ASH, Economist, BlueBay Asset Management (TBC)
- Representative of Ukrainian Foreign Bank

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Lunch Break (13:00-14:00)

14:20-15:30 **Discussion Panel. IMPLEMENTING THE BEPS PACKAGE: INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES SO FAR**

- Moderator: Ms Heike BUSS, Advisor, OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration

Panelists:

- Mr Ihor CHUFAROV, Partner, Ernst & Young
- Representative of consulting company
- Mr Dmitri JEGOROV, Undersecretary for Tax and Customs Policies, Ministry of Finance (Estonia) (TBC)
- Mr Piotr PIONTKOWSKI, Delegate at the OECD, Ministry of Finance of Poland (TBC)
- International high-level speaker (TBC)

Coffee Break (15:30-16:00)

16:00-17:30 **Discussion Panel. VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE: HOW TO GET IT RIGHT ON THE FIRST TRY?**

- Moderator: Moderator: Mr Volodymyr KOTENKO, Partner, Ernst & Young

Panelists:

- Ms Nina YUZHANINA, Chair of the Committee on Taxation and Customs Policy, Parliament
- Mr Serhii VERLANOV, Deputy of Minister of Finance of Ukraine
- Mr Oleg STRYNZHA, Head of Financial Controlling Department, National Bank of Ukraine
- IMF representative
- Representative of business
- Ms Genevieve CASTELLO BRANCO, Receita Federal, Ministerio da Fazenda, Brazil (TBC)
- International high-level speaker (TBC)
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17:30-17:50 **Closing Remarks**

- Ms Kateryna ROZHKOVA, First Deputy Governor, National Bank of Ukraine
- OECD representative

Cocktail Reception (17:50-19:00)

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