

## College of Europe, Bruges campus (Dijver)

**22 March 2018**

The College of Europe (Bruges) and Deloitte will organise a one-day conference on 22 March 2018, bringing together high-level policy makers, business leaders and eminent academics, to discuss developments in the field of corporate taxation and VAT. Pierre Moscovici, Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs, will address the conference through a pre-recorded speech.

The European Union has been grappling with tax issues ever since its establishment. In his 2017 State of the Union address, the President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, stated that he was “strongly in favour of qualified majority voting for decisions on the common consolidated corporate tax base, on VAT, on fair taxes for the digital industry and on the financial transaction tax.”

Autonomy in designing tax policies is one of the few privileges that Member States have retained in the area of economic policy. It will be a difficult task for the EU to devise a common corporate tax base and determine what may constitute a fair tax for digital activities. At the same time, the EU is considering whether it should levy a tax of its own to partly fund its budget. Any of the taxes that have been proposed is likely to distort transactions in the internal market.

Workshops will be led by a panel of leading scholars, business representatives and EU officials; they will draw proposals that will be put to the final plenary session of the conference and will be disseminated widely to stimulate further public debate.

The full list of speakers, background information on the workshops and other information can be found on the conference website >>> <http://bebc.coleurope.eu>.

Participation is free and subject to Registration >>> [LINK](#)

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