

# Greening of taxes peer-learning conference

8 and 9 April 2024

Athens, Greece



## Agenda

Monday, 8 April 2024

### Day 1 | Setting the political direction and learning from Member State practices

Time	Subject
08:45-09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00-09:15	Welcome and introductory remarks <b>Mr. Spyros Dimitriou</b> , Partner - Government and Public Sector, Ernst & Young Business Advisory Solutions S.A.
09:15-10:15	<b>Session 1</b> <b>Greening taxes - a local and European perspective</b> Setting the political context and priorities linked to the green taxation policy - in Greece and the EU <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <b>Representative</b> from DG TAXUD, European Commission</li><li>▶ <b>Ms. Konstantina Galli</b>, Partner-Tax, Ernst &amp; Young Business Advisory Solutions S.A.</li><li>▶ <b>Mr. Nikos Vettas</b>, Director General, Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE) and Professor at the Athens University of Economics and Business</li><li>▶ Moderator: <b>Mr. Eero Yrjö-Koskinen</b>, Executive Director, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)</li></ul>
10:15-10:30	Presentation by <b>Ms. Nathalie Berger</b> , Director, Support to Member State reforms, DG REFORM, European Commission
10:30-11:10	<b>Session 2</b> <b>Presentations on the current tax framework in Greece</b> Overview of the state-of-play of Greece's existing tax framework, its alignment with EU goals, and the achievements and challenges ahead <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <b>Ms. Constantina Nicolaou</b>, Senior Manager-Tax, Ernst &amp; Young Business Advisory Solutions S.A.</li><li>▶ <b>Ms. Vassiliki Katranidou</b>, Manager-Tax, Ernst &amp; Young Business Advisory Solutions S.A.</li><li>▶ <b>Dr. Eleni Vrentzou</b>, Head of the Directorate of Tax Policy, Ministry of Economy and Finance</li></ul>

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11:15-12:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
12:00-12:15	Presentation by <b>Mr. Charis Theocharis</b> , Deputy Minister of Economy and Finance
12:15-13:30	<p><b>Session 3</b></p> <p><b>Green and environmental taxation reforms - examples from across the EU</b></p> <p>Overview of successful reform models on green taxation across the European Union</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Ms. Nayia Symeonidou</b>, Senior VAT Officer, Ministry of Finance, Cyprus</li> <li>▶ <b>Mr. Sebastian Hjorth Lind</b>, Representative from the Ministry of Taxation, Denmark</li> <li>▶ <b>Mr. Javier Jiménez-López</b>, Technical Counselor, General Secretariat of Finance, Department of Economy, Finance and European Financing, Regional Government of Andalusia</li> <li>▶ <b>Mr. Aldo Ravazzi Douvan</b>, Chief Economist at DG Sustainable Development, Ministry of Environment of Italy</li> <li>▶ <b>Mr. Simos Simou</b>, Senior Manager - Indirect and Environmental Taxes, Ernst &amp; Young Business Advisory Solutions S.A.</li> <li>▶ Moderator: <b>Mr. Iakovos Dimitriou</b>, Policy Officer, DG REFORM, European Commission</li> </ul>
13:30-14:15	<b>Lunch</b>
14:15-15:15	<p><b>Session 4</b></p> <p><b>Economic modeling for green taxation - trends, developments and usage</b></p> <p>Overview of the use and development of economic models on the topic of green taxation across the European Union</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Dr. Maria Teresa Monteduro</b>, Director of the Research Center, Department of Finance, Ministry of Economy and Finance</li> <li>▶ <b>Dr. Mert Yakut</b>, Research Officer, Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI)</li> <li>▶ <b>Mr. Alexandros Moustakas</b>, Research Associate, IOBE</li> <li>▶ Moderator: <b>Dr. Evangelos Dioikitopoulos</b>, Associate Professor of Economics, Athens University of Economics and Business</li> </ul>
15:15-16:00	<p><b>Session 5</b></p> <p><b>Roundup of the day's discussions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Ms. Alenka Turnsek</b>, Partner/Principal - Indirect Tax, EY LLP</li> <li>▶ <b>Mr. Simos Simou</b>, Senior Manager - Indirect and Environmental Taxes, Ernst &amp; Young Business Advisory Solutions S.A.</li> <li>▶ <b>Prof. Theodoros Zachariadis</b>, Interim Director at the Energy, Environment and Water Research Center at the Cyprus Institute</li> <li>▶ Moderator: <b>Mr. Andrew Farmer</b>, Senior Fellow, Climate and Circular Economy Unit, IEEP</li> </ul>
18:30-20:30	<b>Reception dinner</b> , Athens Capital Hotel Rooftop

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### Day 2 | Technical sessions

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09:00-09:30	<p><b>Session 6</b></p> <p>Introduction to environmental taxation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Prof. Theodoros Zachariadis, Interim Director at the Energy, Environment and Water Research Center at the Cyprus Institute</li><li>▶ Moderator: Dr. Chiara Antonelli, Head of Program, Climate and Circular Economy, IEEP</li></ul>
09:30-10:30	<p><b>Session 7</b></p> <p>Biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Ms. Gabrielle Aubert, Policy Analyst - Biodiversity, IEEP</li><li>▶ Dr. Olivier Vardakoulias, Economist - Finance and Subsidies Coordination, CAN EUROPE</li><li>▶ Dr. Constantin Tsakas, Program Officer - Socio-economic Analysis and Blue Economy, Plan Bleu</li><li>▶ Moderator: Mr. Andrew Farmer, Senior Fellow, Climate and Circular Economy Unit, IEEP</li></ul>
10:30-11:30	<p><b>Session 8</b></p> <p>Zero pollution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Dr. Efi Kyriakopoulou, Assistant Professor - Economics, Athens University of Economics and Business</li><li>▶ Ms. Krystyna Springer, Policy Analyst - Land Use and Climate, IEEP</li><li>▶ Dr. Anasuya Raj, Economist, OECD</li><li>▶ Moderator: Dr. Chiara Antonelli, Head of Program, Climate and Circular Economy, IEEP</li></ul>

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11:30-12:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
12:00-13:00	<b>Session 9</b> Circular economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Ms. Emma Watkins, Senior Policy Analyst - Climate and Circular Economy, IEEP</li><li>▶ Dr. Ignasi Puig Ventosa, Head of Projects, ENT Environment and Management</li><li>▶ Mr. Marco Musso, European Environmental Bureau</li><li>▶ Mr. Aldo Ravazzi Douvan, Chief Economist at DG Sustainable Development, Ministry of Environment of Italy</li><li>▶ Moderator: Mr. Andrew Farmer, Senior Fellow, Climate and Circular Economy Unit, IEEP</li></ul>
13:00-13:30	<b>Roundup of the conference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Mr. Eero Yrjö-Koskinen, Executive Director, IEEP</li><li>▶ Dr. Evangelos Dioikitopoulos, Associate Professor - Economics, Athens University of Economics and Business</li><li>▶ Dr. Efi Kyriakopoulou, Assistant Professor - Economics, Athens University of Economics and Business</li><li>▶ Ms. Konstantina Galli, Partner-Tax, Ernst &amp; Young Business Advisory Solutions S.A.</li></ul>
	<b>End of the conference</b>

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