

NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2021

Dear Member,

As the majority of our members are enjoying their summer holidays, we will try to keep this newsletter brief too – so you can keep recharging before getting back to work at full speed in September! In the meantime, members of the IOTA Secretariat team are preparing some events for the next quarter before heading to the beach – keep on scrolling to find out more!

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VITARA

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20.07.2021

New VITARA e-Learning Modules Open for Registration

The next two VITARA e-learning modules on Reform Management are now open for registration until 25th August 2021. Both modules can be completed between 1st -22nd September 2021. The two new training modules address the

challenges tax administrations face in designing and implementing tax administration reforms.

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30.07.2021

Updated IOTA Work Programme

Based on the results of the written consultation with IOTA members and the proposal of the Secretariat, the Executive Council of IOTA took the decision to continue the delivery of IOTA technical and administrative activities in a digital format in the period of September-December 2021. The updated Activities Calendar of the IOTA Work Programme for 2021 has been uploaded to our website.

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

- New event jointly organised by OECD and IOTA – Regional Consultation on BEPS for Eurasia: *“Addressing the Tax Challenges of Digitalisation: Further developments on the two-pillar solution”*, 23rd September 2021
- Modified dates of the IOTA workshop *“Improving Communication Strategies and Customer Service towards International Taxpayers”*: 29th – 30th September 2021
- Modified dates of the 1st NTO Technical Conference *“Building stronger partnerships to fight tax-related Illicit Financial Flows”*: 19th – 21st October 2021

[See the updated Work Programme](#)

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 the event you are interested in.

SAVE THE DATE: 23.09.2021

Joint IOTA/OECD Regional Consultation on BEPS for Eurasia – Addressing the Tax Challenges of Digitalisation: Further developments on the two-pillar solution

We are delighted to advise you that we are adding another event to our Work Programme in September. The event is a regional consultation on BEPS for Eurasian countries addressing the tax challenges of digitalisation. This consultation follows the issue of the “Statement on a two-pillar solution to address the tax challenges arising from the digitalisation of the economy” made following the Inclusive Framework on BEPS (IF) meeting held on 1 July 2021 and will focus on the remaining technical issues and a detailed implementation plan to be finalised by October 2021. This far, more than 130 member jurisdictions have agreed to the Statement.

The meeting will be held in a virtual format and will be co-hosted by IOTA and the OECD. The event will aim to raise awareness, explore opportunities to pursue common goals and overcome possible challenges, and gather feedback from countries on the topics under discussion. A Save the Date will be sent out to PCPs and Shadow PCPs at the beginning of August and the invitation package will be issued either late August or early September.

29-30.09.2021, Digital

Workshop on Improving Communications Strategies and Customer Service towards International Taxpayers

This workshop aims to identify practical solutions for enhancing services to international taxpayers implemented by IOTA member tax administrations, focusing on front-end initiatives – segmentation, direct/proactive communication, application of nudging techniques.

Within the scope of this workshop, international taxpayers are defined as:

- taxpayers (residents and non-residents) residing in another jurisdiction than their own
- foreign taxpayers (individuals or companies) who might have a tax obligation where they live or where they are professionally active

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19-21.10.2021, Digital

1st NTO Technical Conference – Building Stronger Partnerships to Fight Tax-Related Illicit Financial Flows

The Network of Tax Organisations (NTO) will organise its 1st Technical Conference under the theme “Building stronger partnerships to fight tax-related Illicit Financial Flows” aiming to analyse current best international practices and serve as a starting point for further discussion on the fight against tax-related IFFs on the global level. The 1st NTO Technical Conference will provide an inclusive platform for broad-based discussions on the latest international developments in tackling tax crimes, the changing nature of tax-related IFFs, practical challenges and ways forward in tackling tax offenses. The Conference will serve as an interactive environment for in-depth exchange of experiences and best practices between tax practitioners with a view to strengthen existing partnerships and build new ones for an effective global fight against tax crime. Over the course of three days in a virtual format, the Conference will offer interactive panels, breakout sessions and workshops in English that will be simultaneously translated into Spanish and French.

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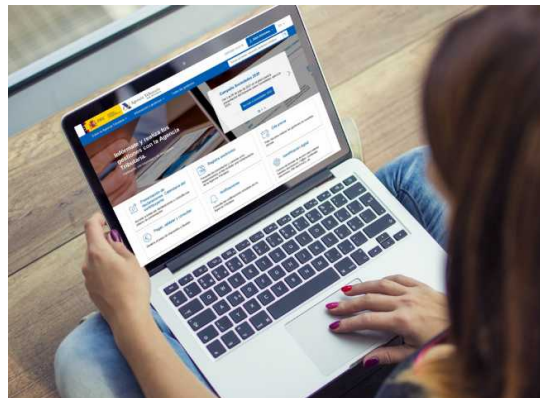
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19.07.2021

New Anti-Fraud Law Passed by the Spanish Parliament



23.07.2021

The Spanish Tax Agency Revamps Its Website

On 10th July 2021, the Law 11/2021 for the Prevention of and Fight against Tax Fraud has been published in the State Official Gazette. This Law is framed under the general objective of adapting the Spanish tax System to 21st-century challenges and is one of the components of the Recovery, Transformation, and Resilience Plan.

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The Spanish Tax Agency has launched a new website that unifies the information portal and the electronic office, so that all services will become accessible under a thematic structure of contents and procedures that will make navigation easier and more agile for the taxpayer, thus improving the user experience.

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LATEST VIDEOS

Full event recordings:

(for registered users of the IOTA website)

25th IOTA General Assembly – Technical Session

Watch Day 1 and Day 2 of the Technical Session, which followed the theme 'Ensuring the most effective use of data in the age of tax transparency'.

(Registered website users should click on 'Technical Presentations' on the website in order to see the videos.)

[Watch now](#)

LATEST PUBLICATIONS

IOTA PAPER



Exploring CRS Data – Possibilities for Usage of CRS Data

At IOTA's 2020 Forum on Use of Data from Automatic Exchange of Information, the Federal Ministry of Finance Austria gave a presentation on the work of their Predictive Analytics Competence Centre, which was set up in 2016 in order to make better use of the taxpayer data held. Their Data Scientists have used algorithms and statistical methods as part of the risk assessment process to identify the highest-risk taxpayers. As a follow-up to their presentation, the Federal Ministry of Finance Austria has prepared a short paper which

outlines their data mining processes. The paper provides details of their network analysis, data matching (entity generation approach), analytical approach and use of risk criteria. They discuss the challenges of working with the data and how they have overcome these challenges.

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