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Dispute Resolution and Taxpayer Protection



ATHENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
7 AKADIMIAS STR., 106 71, ATHENS, GREECE

MAY 8, 2017

PROGRAM

09:00-09:30

Registration

09:30-09:45

Salutation

Euclid Tsakalotos

Minister of Finance

Constantine Michalos

President of Institute for Arbitration and
Alternative Dispute Resolution, Greece

George Gerapetritis

Director, Department of Public Law,
University of Athens Law School

09:45-10:00

Welcome remarks

George Pitsilis

Governor, Independent Authority for Public
Revenue (IAPR)

10:00-11:30

Panel I

**Developments in Greece:
Administrative Dispute Resolution and
the Mutual Agreement Procedure
(MAP) in cross border cases**

Moderator

Alexandros Karagiannis

Vice President of the Legal Council of State,
Head of the Bureau of the Legal Council of State,
IAPR

Panelists

Timos Papadopoulos

Director of the Dispute Resolution Unit, IAPR

*The administrative dispute resolution mechanism:
The Dispute Resolution Unit of the IAPR*

Lydia-Elisavet Sofrona

Director of Legal Services, IAPR

*Legal issues in the application of the Mutual
Agreement Procedure for the resolution of multi-
jurisdictional tax disputes in Greece*

Odysseas Pylalis

Director of International Economic Relations, IAPR

*Practical aspects of the Mutual Agreement
Procedure*

11:30-12:00

coffee break

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12:00-13:30

Panel II

Dispute resolution and taxpayer protection: the international framework

Moderator

Prof. Theodore Fortsakis

University of Athens Law School

Panelists

Andreas Tsourouflis

Lecturer on Public Law, University of Athens Law School

The EU Arbitration Convention

Katerina Perrou

Legal Counsel, IAPR, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, IBFD, University Assistant, University of Athens Law School

Taxpayer protection under the ECHR

Sandra Knaepen

Head of the Mutual Agreement Procedure Unit at CTP, OECD

Dispute resolution and Protection of taxpayer rights: The OECD Perspective

13:30-14:30

lunch break

14:30-16:00

Panel III

Dispute resolution and taxpayer protection: a comparative overview

Moderator

Honorable Vassilios Skouris

Former President of the European Court of Justice

Panelists

Nina Olson

US Taxpayer Advocate

The US Tax Payer Bill of Rights

Pasquale Pistone

Academic Chairman, IBFD, Professor of International and European Tax Law at WU University of Vienna and Tax Law at the University of Salerno

Protection of taxpayer rights in the EU

Andreas Pottakis

The Greek Ombudsman

Protection of taxpayers in Greece: the Ombudsman experience

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16:00-16:30

coffee break

16:30-18:00

Panel IV

Round Table

Creating a safe environment for tax payers: Tax payer protection and Dispute Resolution

Moderator

George Pitsilis

Governor, IAPR

Panelists

Rena Girinakis

Deputy US Tax Payer Advocate

Elaine Benn

Central Customer Directorate, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC), United Kingdom

Jean-Luc Barçon-Maurin

Head of the Legal Services, French General Directorate of Public Finances (DGFIP)

18:00-18:30

Closing Remarks

Honorable Irimi Sharp

President of the Tax Division of the Greek Supreme Court, Vice-President of the Greek Supreme Court