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President's Editorial

"Summer is visibly drawing to an end as "European Brussels" enters into the full swing of things, with the new Commission preparing itself to take office once the new Commissioners have all been appointed after being vetted by the new European Parliament. "Belgian Brussels" is however not to be constrained by any political timetable, at least at a federal level. Some of the regional governments have already been appointed, but Brussels is still struggling to arrive at a solution to its complex institutional balance. We will have to wait until October to complete this bout of elections with the communal ones. What is clear is that both at the federal level and at the regional level (Wallonia and Brussels) some tough decisions will have to be taken to avoid a financial meltdown. Although there is clearly a wish to veer towards a more sustainable budgetary situation – the Commission is putting increasing pressure on Belgium to undertake structural reforms - politicians are finding it difficult to agree on the cuts needed in public spending and on an adjustment of taxes. [...]"

Future Events

17.10.24 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate

Embracing AI in your organisation: practical legal insights.
with Ruth Wirtz - Osborne Clarke

Venue: M.A.I., rue Washington 40, 1050 Brussels

14.11.24 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate

Recent and significant case-law on associations and competition law.
with Dominique Bogaert - Daldewolf

Venue: ACI Europe, Boulevard du Régent 37/40, 1000 Brussels

28.11.24 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate

Topic TBD.

with Christophe Delmarcelle - DEL-Law

Venue: ACI Europe, Boulevard du Régent 37/40, 1000 Brussels

10.12.24 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate

Adoption of the new Book 6 of the Civil Code on extra-contractual liability: a true Copernican Revolution?

with Alain Costantini - Partner & Hélène Cambresier - Counsel at DWMC

Venue: ACI Europe, Boulevard du Régent 37/40, 1000 Brussels

19.12.24 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate

Year in Review.

with Bird & Bird

Venue: Bird & Bird, Avenue Louise, 235 - 1050 Brussels

30.01.25 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate

Topic TBD.

with Nemanja Todić - Web-Bay

Venue: ACI Europe, Boulevard du Régent 37/40, 1000 Brussels

Other topics will be addressed in future events, so keep an eye here for updates:



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- **Useful Tips Concerning the Election of Domicile for Publication Purposes** // by Alain Costantini - Partner & Julian Delplanche - Partner at DWMC
- **Mixed VAT Taxpayers: NEW Reporting Obligations and Key Deadlines for 2024** // by Sebastian Kirsch - Director & Catalina Habash - Adviser at Indirect Tax KPMG Belgium
- **Non-Profit Organisations: Adapt to New VAT Refund Deadlines!** // by Alain Soriano - Managing Partner at European Vat Desk
- **Professional Unions or Federations** // by Francis Houben - Founder of Legal & Tax Management
- **Amending the Articles of Association** // by Olivier Brouwers - Notary at Alter Ego

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