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President's Editorial

"After the raft of elections at the EU, national and regional levels here in Belgium, we could have expected things would go quiet on the political front. If at the EU level, the US administration has given a shock to national governments and the EU Commission, here in Belgium, given the complexity of Belgian politics, we have seen many months of haggling: successful at a national level where a government has just been sworn in, but so far Brussels politicians seem to be blissfully unaware that the region is in dire financial straits and needs to take control of its budgets.

What has happened since the last election which affects our member international associations? It is now five years since the Belgian "Companies and Associations Code " was adopted. Why did we follow the issue? Simply because, among the many stakeholders, we were the only party interested in defending the statute of AISBL/iVZW – the core statute for international non-profit associations (INPAs) established in Belgium. The draft version of the Law had nearly wiped out this statute, allocating only half a page to it. We were therefore delighted that, after over a year and a half of work with regulators on the text of the Law, we saw the statute of AISBL/iVZW largely preserved. This was clearly a point of concern for our members 74% of which has adopted this statute. [...]"

Future Events

24.04.25 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate

ECBA - European Crossborder Associations with Francis Houben, Legal & Tax Management SPRL.

Venue: Maison des Associations Internationales.

27.05.25 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate

Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace: What Employers Need to Know with Nicolas Tancredi, DWMC
Venue: ACI Europe.

05.06.25 | FAIB General Assembly

*Guest speaker : David Leisterh, Président régional
MR pour Bruxelles et Périphérie*
Venue: Maison des Associations Internationales.

17.06.25 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate

*Topic New « VAT Chain »: impacts on
Associations' VAT compliance* with Alain Costantini & Charlotte
Watteyne, DWMC
Venue: ACI Europe.

16.09.25 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate

*Empowering Non-Profits: The Art of Good
Governance*
Part 2: General Assembly.
with Antoine Druetz - EY Law
Venue: Maison des Associations Internationales.

30.09.25 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate

Why Brussels media matters with Feriel Saouli, SEC NEWGATE
EU
Venue: ACI Europe.

16.10.25 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate

Payroll with Hugues Thibaut, SD Worx.
Venue: SD Worx.

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



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This month's articles for members in FAIB News

- **Support for Paper Publications : Exploring the Tax Credit for Non-Profits.** // by [Antoine Druetz - Partner & Nathalie Campenaire - Executive Director at EY Law](#)
 - **Which VAT treatment applies to the services you supply ?** // by [Bernard Ickowicz - VAT Expert at VAT desk](#)
 - **Reducing bureaucracy to foster innovation is the key to enhancing Europe's competitiveness.** // by [Simone Ceruti - Vice President and Head of Public Affairs EU at SEC Newgate EU](#)
 - **VAT FAQ regarding the choice between deduction based on general pro-rata or on actual allocation rule** // by [Olivier Willez – Partner – DWMC Legal & Charlotte Watteyne – Senior Associate – DWMC Legal](#)
 - **Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace: What Employers Need to Know** // by [Nicolas Tancredi – Partner – DWMC Legal](#)
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Pursue every initiative to encourage European and international associations to settle and remain in Belgium.

Represent its members to third parties and defend their interests towards all public and private bodies.

Obtain legal recognition of associations and the associative movement by Belgian, European and international authorities.

Facilitate its member's activities in every possible way within its remits.

Assist its members with joint studies, administrative and auxiliary services, etc.

Keep its members informed of developments in legal, administrative and all relevant matters impacting them.

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