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**NOTE**

From:	Presidency
To:	High Level Working Party
Subject:	Presidency steering note for the informal videoconference of the members of the High Level Working Party on taxation on 1 June 2021

Delegations will find attached the Presidency steering note in view of the informal videoconference of the members of the High Level Working Party on taxation on 1 June 2021.

**PRESIDENCY STEERING NOTE**  
**for the informal videoconference of the members of**  
**the High Level Working Party on Taxation**  
**(1 June 2021)**

The purpose of this steering note is to present the key aspects to be covered during the informal videoconference of the members of the HLWP on 1 June 2021 (see doc. CM 3208/21).

**1. Addressing tax challenges resulting from the digitalization of the economy: State of play of the negotiations in the OECD BEPS Inclusive Framework**

*- Exchange of views on the way forward*

The delegations will be invited to exchange views on the latest developments in the OECD BEPS Inclusive Framework.

**2. Commission Communication on business taxation for the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

- Presentation by the Commission*
- Exchange of views*

After the presentation by the Commission, delegations will be invited to exchange views on the Communication (ST 9043/21) and the way forward.

**3. Pending issues related with value added tax files**

- State of play of the proposal on VAT rates, preparation of Ecofin discussion*
- State of play of the proposal regarding exemptions on importations and on certain supplies in respect of Union measures in the public interest (“Buy and Donate”)*
- Update on the work taking place in the Commission working groups on the different VAT initiatives included in the Action Plan of July 2020*

The Presidency will present a state of play of the two pending proposals. Delegations will be invited to express their views and discuss the way forward.

The Commission will be invited to update the delegations on the progress of the work taking place in the Group on the Future of VAT (GFV) and VAT Experts Group (VEG) regarding several VAT initiatives included in the Commission “Action Plan for fair and simple taxation supporting the recovery strategy”.

#### **4. Draft ECOFIN report to the European Council on tax issues**

*- Finalisation of the text with a view to submission to ECOFIN for approval*

The High Level Working Party will be invited to finalize the report with a view to its submission to the meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 18 June 2021.

#### **5. Tax in non-tax affairs – TINTA**

a) EU initiatives

*- Information by the GSC*

b) International agreements

*- Commission overview on tax clauses in such agreements*

An updated overview of the 'non-tax' dossiers with 'tax issues' has been issued by the General Secretariat of the Council (see doc. WK 6863/2021). Members of the HLWP may bring to the Group's attention any tax-related provisions/issues that are covered in the non-tax dossiers in other EU policy areas. The Commission will present an overview of tax clauses in international agreements.

#### **6. Any other business**

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