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Sovereign debt crisis: How can accounting be (part of) the solution?

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13:30 – 13:45 **Opening and welcome**

Petr Kriz, Federation of European Accountants, President

13:45 – 15:00 **Why accruals?**

Moderator: **Thomas Müller-Marqués Berger**, Chair of the FEE Public Sector Working Party; EY, Partner (Head of International Public Sector Accounting)

Prof. Mariano D'Amore, Università degli Studi di Napoli Parthenope, Professor

Dr. Inge Gräßle, MEP, European Parliament, Chair of Committee on Budgetary Control

Michael Jäger, Taxpayers Association of Europe, Secretary General

Paul B. Kazarian, Japonica Partners, CEO

15:00 – 15:15 **Coffee break**

15:15 – 16:30 **What do Member States want?**

Moderator: **Alan Edwards**, CIPFA, International Director

Kirsten Bitsch, City of Hannover, Head of Accounting and Treasury Department

Martin Dees, Netherlands Court of Audit, Audit Methodology Expert

Lucia Kašiarova, Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic, Project Manager and Senior Expert Advisor

Stéphanie Ledoux, French Ministry of Finance, Directorate General of Public Finance, Deputy Head of Accounting Standards and Internal Control

16:30 – 16:50 **How does the EU help?**

Alexandre Makaronidis, EUROSTAT, Head of Unit for the EPSAS Task Force

16:50 – 17:00 **Closing remarks**

Olivier Boutellis-Taft, Federation of European Accountants, CEO

Opening and welcome



Petr Kriz is currently the President of Federation of European Accountants. He is a Partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Prague, focused on Financial Services in the Czech Republic. He is also responsible for Technical, Regulatory, and Public Policy Affairs. Petr has long-term experience in leading audits and financial reporting advisory projects of Czech, international, and central banks. He managed numerous projects for the Czech Ministry of Finance, World Bank, Central Bank, and other international institutions. Petr is also member of the Commission for Coordination and Cooperation with the audit profession of the Audit Public Oversight Council. Petr is a qualified Czech auditor and fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (UK).

Why accruals?



Thomas Müller-Marqués Berger is the Chair of the Public Sector Group of the Federation of European Accountants. He is the Global Head of International Public Sector Accounting and since 2012 Assurance Leader Government and Public Sector for EMEIA (Europe, Middle East, India and Africa) within EY, formerly Ernst & Young. Thomas also used to be a member of the IPSAS Board. He is a member of various working committees of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Germany (IDW), e.g. the working committee ÖFA (Öffentliche Verwaltung und Unternehmen, public administration and companies).



Mariano D'Amore is a Professor of Accounting at the Parthenope University of Naples, where he heads the Department of Accounting, Management, and Economics. He has lectured extensively, both nationally and internationally, on public sector accounting and management topics. Mariano has served as a public member of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board from 2010 to 2015. He is currently a member of the Task Based Group appointed by the Accountant General of Italy for a Study on the Applicability of Accrual Accounting and IPSASs to the General Government Sector. He has also served as a member of the governance of several local authorities and government business enterprises.



Inge Gräßle is a Member of the European Parliament since 2004 (EPP Group, Germany), Chair of the Budgetary Control Committee (CONT) and Member of Budgets Committee (BUDG). From 2007 – 2014 she was Coordinator of the EPP Group in CONT Committee. Inge is currently negotiating, as co-rapporteur, the 'PIF Directive' on the fight against fraud to the EU's financial interests by means of criminal law. She is the European Parliament's standing rapporteur for the Financial Regulation and for the legal basis of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF). She also works on the setup of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO). In 2013, Inge was awarded the European Taxpayers Association Prize for her long-lasting fight against the misuse of tax monies and tax evasion. She holds a doctoral degree in political science from the Freie Universität Berlin.

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Michael Jaeger is the Secretary General of the European Taxpayers' movement Taxpayers Association of Europe (TAE) since 1996, and since 2011 also Chief Executive Manager (CEO) of the European Economic Senate, the network of leading corporates in Europe. Since 1991 Michael is working for the Bavarian Taxpayers Association, since October 2015 as a Vice-President. He is an entrepreneur, consultant, and author working as a watchdog of the taxpayers and a fighter for less taxation, more individual freedom, and free market economy.



Paul B. Kazarian is the Founder, Chairman, and CEO of Japonica Partners and the Charles & Agnes Kazarian Philanthropic Foundation. Japonica, founded in 1988, is a private investment firm with a single focus business niche, which is underperforming global special situations where they discover large value gaps that can be closed with transformational turnaround plans. Prior to founding Japonica, Paul was an executive at Goldman, Sachs & Co. Kazarian has an MBA from Columbia, an AM from Brown, and a BA from Bates.

What do Member States want?



Alan Edwards is the Deputy Chair of the Public Sector Group of the Federation of European Accountants. He is also CIPFA's International Director. Alan is an experienced public sector Board member having previously been a Chairman of the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and an Independent Member of the Board of the UK National Policing Improvement Agency. For most of his career Alan has worked as a management consultant having been a consulting Partner at PwC, KPMG and IBM. He trained as an accountant in the local government in the UK and has long been an active CIPFA member including being in the past an elected member of its Council.



Kirsten Bitsch has been Head of Accounting and Treasury at City of Hannover (Capital City of Lower-Saxony, Germany) for 20 years. She has been involved in areas such as: Debt and Asset Management, Financial and Asset Accounting, Consolidated Accounting. Kirsten had also been a Project Manager of "Opening Balance Sheet, Asset inventory and valuation" during Conversion to New Municipal Accounting. She has 10 years of experience as a manager in Medical Technology Industries and Automotive industries. Kirsten holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration (University of Göttingen).



Martin Dees is an audit methodology expert at the Netherlands Court of Audit. He has also worked as a senior adviser on audit policy at the Ministry of Finance and as an audit manager at KPMG. Until recently, he was a professor of Public Auditing and Accounting at Nyenrode Business University. Martin holds a PhD and is a Chartered Accountant. He has served in various international working groups, including the INTOSAI Subcommittees on Financial Audit Standards and on Internal Control Standards, and the Public Internal Control-network (a network of the Ministries of Finance of the EU Member States and the European Commission).



Lucia Kasiarova is a Project Coordinator at the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic. She has been involved in the implementation of accrual accounting and reporting system in the Slovak public sector. Recently she has also been involved in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as a Lead Consultant and has been working with the Ministry of Finance of Montenegro to strengthen their capacities in accrual accounting and reporting. Lucia had previously worked as an auditor at KPMG. She is a fellow member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and a member of the Slovak Chamber of Auditors.



Stéphanie Ledoux is an expert in International and National Accounting Standards (IFRS, IPSAS, PCG) for Public and Private Sectors. Since 2009, and after 10 years at the French audit firm Mazars, Stéphanie is now in charge of the Internal Control and Public Accounting at the French Ministry of Budget. She is a member of all working groups of the National Public Standard Setter. Stéphanie is the representative of the General Directorate of Public Finances at Eurostat's working groups (Governance and EPSAS) related to the Council Directive on Budgetary Frameworks.

How does the EU help?



Alexandre Makaronidis is the Head of Task Force EPSAS - the European Public Sector Accounting Standards at the European Commission (DG EUROSTAT). Task Force EPSAS is an entity in charge of the EPSAS project that is leading the Commission's work on European Public Sector Accounting Standards. Alexandre is a graduate of the School of Management at the Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich and holds a Dr.oec.publ. in econometrics from the same University.

Closing remarks



Olivier Boutellis-Taft is the Chief Executive Officer of the Federation of European Accountants since 2006. He benefits from a diversified professional experience, having been a director with PricewaterhouseCoopers, a director of the European Policy Centre (a leading multi-constituency think-tank in Brussels), a lecturer on EU affairs at Toulouse Business School, a public prosecutor in France and a consultant serving in particular the banking and media industries. A lawyer and economist by training, Olivier also held several board positions as a non-executive director. Olivier was nominated as one of the 50 most influential people worldwide in accounting by The Accountant magazine in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

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