



## **Dispute Prevention and Resolution Strategies: Bringing the Pieces Together**

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National, international and European tax laws are becoming increasingly more complicated and whilst countries around the world seem to be working closely to find joint and coherent tax solutions, examples of unilateral tax initiatives and diverging interpretation of existing laws and practices are more frequently observed. At the same time, the number of tax audits and consequently tax disputes is growing. That is a trend that is not expected to slow down, especially as governments will be anxiously seeking to cover the budget deficits created by the Covid-19 pandemic.

In this context, the importance of having a thorough and clear understanding of the available dispute prevention and resolution avenues is crucial. Often tax disputes result in domestic court proceedings. However, nowadays there are many more routes that a taxpayer can follow to either prevent a conflict from becoming a dispute (e.g. joint audits, settlements) or to ultimately resolve a dispute via a *plethora* of European and international tax, investment and trade law instruments that offer out of court options (e.g. mutual agreement procedures and arbitration). Especially the intersection between tax, trade and investment law is often ignored.

At this webinar we want to present and discuss a number of core issues in the context of the ever-changing landscape of dispute prevention and dispute resolution in tax matters, where dramatic shifts have taken place over the last years. We will also highlight the importance of clear, thorough and independent tax expertise in achieving effective dispute prevention and resolution strategies, and we hope that this webinar is a start to stimulate further discussions and interactions between experts from the tax and the investment law community.

### **Speakers**

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