

## **Social Dialogue Committee for Central Government Administrations**

### **Letter**

Algirdas Šemeta, European Commissioner for  
taxation  
László Andor, European Commissioner for  
Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion  
European Commission  
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*Sent via email*

Brussels, 25 April 2014

*re: Consultation "Review of existing VAT legislation on public bodies and tax exemptions in the public interest" TAXUD/C1*

Dear Commissioner ŠEMETA,  
Dear Commissioner ANDOR,  
Dear M. Heinz ZOUREK, Director General, DG TAXUD,  
Dear M. Michel SERVOZ, Director General, DG EMPL,

At its meeting of 24 March last, the Social Dialogue Committee for Central Government Administrations (SDC CGA) discussed the EC public consultation "*Review of existing VAT legislation on public bodies and tax exemptions in the public interest*".

The Consultation proposes a number of options including the partial or total lifting of existing VAT exemptions for the public sector, some of which could have an impact on our sector.

The SDC CGA did not deem it appropriate to provide a response to the Consultation to avoid pre-empting the positions of some governments or related agencies dealing with tax that are currently being prepared.

However, we would like to ask you to keep us informed of further steps and to publish a specific consultation of social partners in case the selected option(s) would be the one(s) with implications for human resources and the organisation or running of public services.

To this effect, we also invite DG EMPL to call for a specific consultation of social partners aiming at anticipating potential consequences on employment in the public sector, through the inter-service consultation.

Such a consultation would aim at anticipating changes in the public sector, in line with the Quality Framework for anticipation of change and restructuring published by the European Commission last December.

We remain available to your services to further exchange on this important dossier.

Yours sincerely,

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SDC CGA and TUNED chair  
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