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### REGULATORY MATTERS

# Major reform of Belgian company and association law: impact on international associations

Early 2015, the Minister of Justice Koen Geens, assisted by the Center of Company Law, initiated a reform of the legislation on companies and associations. The current "Code des Sociétés" (company code) and the law on associations and foundations are being merged into one single code.

Francis Houben, Legal & Tax Management

### Domestic business trips: New fixed allowances as from 1 September 2017

Employers allocating fixed allowances for business trips will have to use the new fixed amounts as from 1 September 2017.

Nadège Toussaint, Senior associate, Claeys & Engels Avocats

## **GAFI/FATF CONTINUED**

#### Association soon compelled to disclose detailed information about their donors?

The NPO sector is considered as a vulnerable target for potential abuse by terrorists. In this context, the Minister of Justice Koen Geens intends to oblige providing details about their funding sources and more particularly, gifts. This measure would concern gifts exceeding 40 000 Euro.

Francis Houben

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Boost performance and impact of your association

Solvay Executive Master in International Management resumes in January 2018. More info: <a href="https://www.solvay.edu/iam">www.solvay.edu/iam</a>

# Financing of Civil Society Organisations by the EU – Public hearing of the European Economic and Social Committee

EU is facing important challenges: the revision of the funding rules and the future Multiannual Financial Framework 2020. The EESC hearing was a key element in the preparation of its resolutions to bring the voice of the civil society (CSOs) in the political debate.

André Douette

# Dismissal based on e-monitoring is a violation of privacy, according to the ECHR

For more information on this, go to: www.gdprbelgium.be

Claeys & Engels, lus Laboris Belgium

### **Editorial FAIB President**

"Tell us where we can best help you in the Belgian environment, and work with us to shape FAIB to provide you - our members - with the service you would like to have."

Adrian HARRIS

# FAIB Benchmark Remuneration within INPAs

For the second time, FAIB has initiated a survey to benchmark the remuneration packages (salary and fringe benefits) applied by international associations based in Belgium. The final version of the survey will be available in the coming weeks. It can be purchased by nonmembers (750€) via faib@faib.org.

#### LUNCH-DEBATE

# GDPR applied to the non-profit sector: How to be compliant by May 2018?

On September 28, 2017, Jan DECORTE and Antoine DRUETZ, partners at KOAN Law Firm have given a seminar (attended by some 100 delegates) on the very topical subject of the General Data Protection Regulation (hereafter: "GDPR"), which will come into effect on May 2018.

Antoine.Druetz

### **NEW MEMBERS**

- European Fantastic Film Festivals Federation (aisbl), www.melies.org
- European Crop Protection (aisbl), www.ecpa.eu
- Eurocommerce for retail & wholesale (aisbl), www.eurocommerce.eu
- European Diisocyanates and Polyols Producers Associations (aisbl), www.isopa.org
- European Internet Forum (asbl), www.eifonline.org
- European Specialist Printing Manufacturers Association (asbl), www.esma.com
- European Federation for Colposcopy (registered company in UK), www.efcolposcopy.eu
- Society of Environmental Toxicology and chemistry Europe (asbl), www.setac.org
- World Employment Confederation (asbl), www.wecglobal.org
- Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe (aisbl), www.prace-ri.eu
- European Federation of Hard of Hearing People (charitable association), www.efhoh.org

#### **NEWS FROM OUR SPONSORS**

### **Travel Alberta**

With two international gateway cities and direct flights from London, Frankfurt and Amsterdam (9hrs), Beijing, Tokyo and all major US cities, Alberta is a convenient hub for international association meetings. In Alberta's capital **Edmonton**, health innovation stakeholders have united to demonstrate the power and strength of the cities robust health assets. For more information see <a href="https://edmontonhealthcity.ca/the-initiative/">https://edmontonhealthcity.ca/the-initiative/</a>.

For more information on Alberta destinations, contact Nicola Alexander at Travel Alberta nicola.alexander@travelalberta.com

### Group S - Benefits in kind: New edition

Group S, external payroll provider - sponsor of FAIB - has published the new edition of "Rémunérations alternatives — Alternative verloning" in French or Dutch. Price: 87 €. If you want to order your copy, please send an e-mail to: international@groups.be

# **European Association Awards**

FAIB will again be supporting the second annual <u>European Association Awards</u>. FAIB members can enter at a reduced rate of 50%. The deadline for entries is 27 October, with the awards ceremony taking place in Brussels at the <u>Steigenberger Wiltcher's</u> on 23 February 2018. More information from: <u>michelle@globalconferencenetwork.co.uk</u>

## General Assembly DO'S AND DON'T

As many members complain about the difficulties encountered in the publication following their General Assembly it is worth recalling some aspects to bear in mind. Full article in the FAIB News n°109.

### Coming up soon

### Lunch-debates

19.10.17 Financing your organisation: any alternative methods?,

by Ruth Wirtz (Osborne-Clarke)

16.11.17 Services and Opportunities for Associations, from & by ACTIRIS
 14.12.17 Teleworking Regulations and general regulatory update, by Christophe

Delmarcelle and lawyers from Bird&Bird

25.01.18 FAIB New Year's reception with keynote speaker

**Study Tours** 

12-13.10.17 Destination Toulouse, Meet and Com., France 9-12.11.17 Scooting trip Alicante and other key destinations

**Other Events** 

10.11.17 UIA Associations Round Table, <a href="https://www.uia.org/roundtable/europe-2017">www.uia.org/roundtable/europe-2017</a>
23.02.18 European Association Awards, Steigenberg Wiltcher's Brussels
8 -9.03.18 European Association Summit, FAIB will be in charge of a session



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