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REGULATORY MATTERS

Economic Law Reform under way

On January 25th, FAIB presented its wishes to the international association community. FAIB invited Minister Geens to explain the purpose and content of the projected reform of the economic law.

André Douette

Strengthened transparency obligations regarding the UBO's identification: what are the impacts for the non-profit sector?

The Belgian law on the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing and the limitation of use of cash of September 18, 2017 (hereafter: "Anti-Money Laundering Law") has entered into force on October 16, 2017. The Anti-Money Laundering Law has transposed the Fourth EU "Anti-Money Laundering Directive" of May 20, 2015 whose main objectives are to reinforce the current rules and to fill the regulatory gaps to prevent criminals and terrorists to find ways to finance their illegal activities and to launder the financial gains thereof back into the economy.

By *Antoine Druetz*, partner, and *Sakine Yilmaz,* junior associate, at Koan Law Firm

Insolvency reform and its impact on associations: what you need to know

On 11 August 2017, the Belgian Parliament adopted a bill containing an entirely new insolvency legislation (the "Insolvency Bill"). The Insolvency Bill will be integrated into the Belgian Code of Economic Law and will constitute its Book XX, called "insolvency of undertakings". The Insolvency Bill will enter into force on 1 May 2018. Complete version soon on FAIB's website.

Dear Krzewinski & Willez
Alain Costantini & Julian Delplanche
Attorneys at law

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION SUMMIT (EAS)

For the sixth consecutive year, EAS was organized by visit.brussels with the support of ESAE, UIA and FAIB and some new partners for this successful edition that gathered some 200 associations whether or not based in Belgium. The slides of the presentation are available to FAIB members on the website. The partners were asked to coordinate a specific session which was the GDPR (what else?) for FAIB. Thanks to the input of three of its associate members from law firms: DKW – Koan and Claeys & Engels and the Agoria company lawyer – Expert in Data Protection, the session – attended by more than 60 participants – enabled to briefly tackle the main aspects of this regulation

Danièle Vranken

Editorial FAIB President

"One of the main events of March this year for our association is the European Association summit co-organised by different associations including FAIB with the Brussels authorities through "visit.Brussels". This follows on closely from the European Association Awards lunch event was attended by some 250 people. Both of these events serve to highlight the increasing awareness of the substantial role that associations and NGOs of all types play in this town. This is a fact. And it is this community which FAIB serves."

Adrian HARRIS

FAIB Benchmark Remuneration within INPAs

Members of FAIB have received the survey as part of their benefit package. It is also available to non-members on the following conditions:

- 500 € for European and international Associations established in Belgium - meeting the FAIB admissions' criteria. This price includes one year of FAIB membership;

- 750 € for all others.

NEWS FROM OUR SPONSORS

- FAIB is happy to welcome **Corinthia Hotels** as a sponsor. Corinthia is a collection of hotels founded by the Pisani family of Malta in 1962. It is a family-inspired business as demonstrated by the Spirit of Corinthia. Corinthia is considering to refurbish the once glamourous hotel "Astoria" on rue Royale in Brussels. More news in the coming months. More information: janvanniekerke@corinthia.com.

- **ID-loom** will continue to offer its event managing software to FAIB, expanding the features available to FAIB. Contact ID-loom +32-2-318.57.06 info@idloom.com.

- The Province of **Alberta** in Western Canada is home to the cities of Calgary and Edmonton. Both are more than just great business hubs for your associations congress. Calgary delivers an amazing convention experience across diverse sectors including CleanTech and Agribusiness. A leading innovation hub for CleanTech, Calgary combines some of the world's best energy expertise with a local entrepreneurial and innovative culture. Connect your conference to CleanTech in Calgary: http://www.meetingscalgary.com/why-calgary/business-sectors/cleantech. Emerging as a centre for Agribusiness, Calgary had $14.5 Billion in sales in 2016 and food manufacturing has eclipsed refined petroleum as our largest manufacturing sector. If you're talking agribusiness, Calgary is a great place to get the conversation started: http://www.meetingscalgary.com/why-calgary/business-sectors/agriculture. For more information on Alberta for your future congress, contact Nicola Alexander at Travel Alberta nicola.alexander@travelalberta.com.

CROWDFUNDING

Crowdfunding finances projects in favour of companies, non-profit organisations, start-ups or even for individuals. The money comes from the crowd. It is organised in the form of capital or loans or gifts or ... just sales of goods/ services. It is done on a dedicated intermediary platform.

The best?

The best crowdfunders in our modest opinion? Look&Fin, Socrowd, Indiegogo, Ulule, Kickstarter, KissKissBankBank, Planidoo, Koalect and King BoudewijnFoundation.

Dirk Coeckelbergh, FAIB associate member (Crowdfunding specialist).

NEW MEMBERS

- **The European Liaison Committee for Agricultural and Agri-Food Trade,** www.celcaa.eu
- **The European Network on Cultural Management and Policy, aisbl,** www.encatc.org
- **Union Européenne des Transporteurs Routiers, asbl,** www.uetr.eu
- **Center for Civilians in Conflict, non-profit public benefit corporation,** www.civiliansinconflict.org

THE FUTURE EVOLUTION OF CIVIL SOCIETY BY 2030, A STUDY BY THE EESC

« Participatory Democracy » counts amongst the main matters followed by Group III of the Economic and Social Committee. On behalf of its NGO members, FAIB is an attentive observer of this work.

Interest Groups have carried out tremendous work but how does it impact the European process of governance which is a challenge regarding the sense of cohesion and of belonging to Europe? The study identified five main influential trends affecting Civil Society Organisations: demography, economic crisis, digitalisation, populism and shrinking civic space.

André Douette

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BRUSSELS COMMISSIONER, 14/10/2018: YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

Your participation in the local elections of 14 October 2018 could prove significant, even decisive in the ballot.

More details? Consult the brochure: "Think European - VOTE locaL" on FAIB website: http://faib.org/about-us/news/article/eu-citizens-your-votes-matters

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