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Editorial FAIB President

“The new Belgian ‘Companies and Associations Code (the Law)’ was finally adopted on February 28, 2019 (...) Why did we follow the issue? Simply because, among the many stakeholders, we were the only party interested in defending this statute of AISBL/iVZW – the core statute for international non-profit associations (INPAs) established in Belgium.”

Adrian HARRIS

REGULATORY MATTERS

Appointment of directors – New requirement imposed by the Commercial Court of Brussels when filing extracts for publication

The registry of the Commercial Court of Brussels has recently modified its position concerning the identity documents requested from newly elected directors of associations.

by Alain Costantini Partner (FAIB Associate Member) & Julian Delplanche, Attorney at DKW Law

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Foreign non-profit organisations - How to be present in Belgium?

Whether induced by the Brexit or for any other reason, more and more foreign non-profit organisations are considering the possibility of having a presence in Belgium.

by Antoine Druetz, Partner (FAIB Associate member), and Alix Degrez, Senior associate at Koan Law Firm

Tax exemption of home/work travel allowances

In principle, any reimbursement of your workers’ travel expenses for the journey between their home and their place of work constitutes taxable remuneration. However, the Income Tax Code expressly grants an exemption for this income under certain conditions and within certain limits.

by Hugues THIBAUT, International Affairs Manager at Group S Payroll Bureau (FAIB Sponsor)

LUNCH-DEBATE

Summary of FAIB Lunch-debate of 19 february 2019: “Reform of the legislation on the insolvency of associations”

Alain Costantini, DKW, gave a presentation on the reform of the legislation on the insolvency of (I)NPAs, introduced by the Act of 11 August 2017. This Act is integrated in the Belgian Code of Economic Law and constitutes its Book XX, called “insolvency of undertakings”. It entered into force on 1 May 2018.

FAIB Communication on the adoption of the New Belgian Code on Companies and Associations

FAIB, which has provided input specifically on those articles which affect AISBL/iVZW throughout the consultation and adoption process, welcomes the new Code.

Press release: FAIB celebrates two anniversaries! Its 70th year of existence and the 100th of the adoption of the law of 25 October 1919 on INPAs

On 24 January 2019, the FAIB celebrated these two anniversaries in the sumptuous Townhall of Brussels City (Grand Place), put at its disposal by Brussels authorities. The 130 registered participants registered were very impressed by this exceptional venue. An interesting panel on the value of lobbying for international associations took place, involving panellists representing various sectors (trade, NGO, foundations...). A presentation was also given on the historic milestones of both events (available on FAIB website).

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- To convince colleague(s) to join our membership and ... win a nice prize! Please check the list of current members accessible on our website to identify associations that are NOT yet a member of FAIB, including your own... and send an email to: dvraken@faib.org. If the membership is confirmed, the surprise is yours ...
- The services offered by the FAIB:
 1. Members' News, <https://faib.org/members/members-news/> (members only)
 2. The Job Platform (<https://faib.org/job-platform/vacancies/>), post your vacancies and CVs (available to all associations) upon request to faib@faib.org (including interns and students)

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- Fertilizers Europe, www.fertilizerseurope.com

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| 23 APRIL 2019 | LUNCH-DEBATE : Follow up on the new Companies and Associations, by Antoine Druetz, associate, Koan Law Firm |
| 23 MAY 2019 | LUNCH-DEBATE : Cyber-risks, in particular for international associations, by and at ING Brussels |
| 13 JUNE 2019 | LUNCH-DEBATE : Innovating in giving yearly bonuses, by Blue Trees (to be confirmed) |
| 26 SEPTEMBER 2019 | LUNCH-DEBATE : Optimisation of remuneration, by Christophe Delmarcelle, DKW. |
| 24 OCTOBER 2019 | LUNCH-DEBATE : 5 steps to effectively manage a crisis online, by Gianmaria Sisti, Cambre Associates (FAIB Sponsor) |



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