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President's Editorial

" I used to be amazed how quickly the year had gone by when we reached the end of the year. This year, this is less the case for obvious reasons: lockdown, few physical meetings and, at the regulatory level on the Belgian scene, a relatively quiet year as Belgium hit a new record of days after an election without a federal government. But this has not stopped us from being busy. [...] I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you, whether online or in person, in 2021."

Future Events



January - New Year's Celebration

Details to follow

18.02 - Webinar | HR matters under the current circumstances

with Christophe Delmarcelle, Partner at DEL-LAW & FAIB Associate member, together with Florence Bindelle, SG Europeanissuers & FAIB Vice-president, and Hugues Thibaut SD Worx, FAIB sponsor.

22.04 - Webinar | "Virtual Leadership" with Antoine Henry de Frahan, Consultant, Strategy & Organisation. More to come.

17.06 - FAIB General Assembly | 13:00-15:00 Virtual or "presential" and keynote speaker to be advised.

Under preparation - "Retaining membership & continuing lobbying activities"

Speakers and timing to be advised.

Other Events

28.01 | 09:00-17:00 | Boost your virtual speaking skills – a one day course for FAIB members
FAIB is teaming up again with Presentation Skills Trainer Carsten Wendt to offer this one-day training.

9 – 11.03 | European Association Summit, including a specific FAIB session under preparation
Timing and details to be advised.

Other topics will be addressed in future webinars (or hybrid meetings if possible),
so keep an eye here for updates:

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FAIB Webinars

Liability of Associations

Alain Costantini, DKW partner with Dear Krzewinski & Willez, & FAIB Associate Member gave the first part of a presentation on the liability of associations during the FAIB Webinar of 13 November 2020 from a legal point of view. *Valérie Mot, Board member of FORET DE SOIGNES SCOMM (agent indépendant de banque et d'assurance pour BELFIUS)* presented the second part of the webinar from an insurer point of view. A first very successful webinar!

Annual accounts and accounting (law): What shall your association do in practice?

On November 26, 2020, *Nathalie VAN HOOREBEEK, Chartered accountant and Partner at EY, Antoine DRUETZ, Associate Partner at EY Law - FAIB Associate member - and Eric VAN HOOFF, Chartered auditor and Partner at EY* gave the second successful FAIB webinar on everything a(n) (I)NPA need to be aware of about its annual accounts and its accounting obligations in theory and practice.

FAIB Expert Articles

B2B law on unfair clauses. Is your (i)nnpa concerned?

The (B2B) law of 4 April 2019 introduced rules on unfair clauses in the Code of Economic Law. The new rules apply to all agreements entered into, renewed or amended after 1 December 2020 between enterprises. *Mélanie Schollaert, Senior Associate & FAIB Associate Member, Loyens Loeff Advocaten, Avocats*, offers answers to FAIB members regarding prohibited contractual clauses, possible sanctions they can face, and what to do next for the impacted (I)NPAs.

(International) non-profit associations under scrutiny: the Belgian Constitutional Court puts the patrimony tax on the map

In a judgment of 23.01.20, the Constitutional Court ruled that the exemption for patrimony tax on immovable property located abroad cannot be justified and is contrary to the constitutional principle of equality. *Antoine Druetz, Partner & FAIB Associate Member, Sofie Van Doninck, Partner and Filip De Scheemaeker, Senior Manager at EY Tax Consultants*, explain in details to FAIB members the implications of said law.

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The articles mentioned above and much more can now be found under our [FAQs page on the website](#), which contains valuable documents - primarily meant for its members - such as draft statutes, practical guidance on the Company and Association Code, on dealing with banks, etc.

The FAQs page has been created in order to provide relevant information to associations that are either in the process of setting up or running an international not-for-profit association in Belgium. Should you wish to access the FAQ page without becoming a member, the cost is 360 €/year. For more information, contact the FAIB Team at faib@faib.org.



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Brexit: will work permits be required for British citizens?

Hugues Thibaut and Jean-Luc Vannieuwenhuysse, SD Worx and FAIB sponsor, tell us about the necessity (or not) of work permits in order to be able to hire British citizens as employees or trainees in times of Brexit.

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