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President's Editorial

" Well, at last we are seeing signs of summer arriving after an awful spring which has prevented many of us from enjoying our newfound freedom to congregate. [...] We had hoped nevertheless to have an in-person general assembly this year, but, for this, we were a little too early: this year once again our general assembly was a virtual meeting. [...] Let's hope you appreciated this innovation which had the advantage of ensuring that all is legal and above board. [...] and let me wish you all the best for the coming summer break.

Future Events

Under the current restrictions, at this stage, the FAIB has not yet planned any "physical" conferences such as its regular lunch-debates.

Webinars-lunch-debates are under preparation on various subjects (e.g. competition law, services offered by Convention bureaus to (international) associations, year-end regulatory review, etc). Invitations will follow.

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

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Other Events

Starting in January 2022, the new EMIAM (Executive Master in International Association Management) will be launched. The seven modules course will last until June 2022. More information soon and/or from:

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FAIB Webinars

Human Resources Issues - Part II

In this webinar that took place on 25 March 2021, *Frédéric Van Houte, Director General at CIRFS and FAIB Board Member, acting as moderator, with Hugues Thibaut, in charge of Public Affairs at SD Worx and FAIB Sponsor, & Valérie T'Serstevens, Managing Consultant at SD Worx*, provided details of some of the new measures introduced in Belgium in 2021, such as: measures relating to coronavirus, non-recurring bonus, new parent leave, the exemption for life from basic employer contributions for the first employee, the exemption from pay-as-you-earn tax for training purposes, and the work permit for United Kingdom nationals.

Visual leadership - A practical approach for international associations

On 29 April, 2021, *Antoine Henry de Frahan, management consultant and visual speaker, who has collaborated many times with FAIB*, gave a webinar about visualisation as a highly effective way to think and to communicate, and explored with participants how anyone can conceive and draw simple – yet powerful – graphics.

FAIB Expert Articles

New economic freedom – Tax consequences

Following the adoption of the new Companies and Associations Code, NPAs are now explicitly authorized to carry out any type of economic activity (including activities of industrial or commercial nature), provided that such activities (i) fall within the ultimate not for profit purpose of the NPA and (ii) contribute to the achievement of this not for profit purpose. *Alain Costantini, Partner at DKW and FAIB Associate Member & Lauranne Pauwels, Associate, DKW Law*, explain how this new situation can trigger adverse tax implications for NPAs.

Unanimous written resolutions in (international) non-profit associations explained

On December 20, 2020, a new act was adopted which modified (amongst others) the Belgian companies and associations Code of March 23, 2019. One noteworthy modification to the Code was the introduction of the possibility to hold “written general assemblies” in (international) non-profit associations even without any authorisation in the statutes. *Antoine Druetz, Associate Partner at EY Law & FAIB Associate Member, and Richard Liu, Junior Lawyer at EY Law* explain the context and practical impact of this procedure.

The interinstitutional agreement on a mandatory transparency register

On 20 May 2021, the interinstitutional agreement on a mandatory transparency register was adopted by the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission. *Alain Costantini, Partner at DKW and FAIB Associate Member & Pierre-Olivier Pielaeet, Associate, DKW Law*, briefly addressed the scope and the main principles of this agreement in order to give an overview of the potential consequences on FAIB members' activities.

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FAIB News

FAIB General Assembly

The virtual FAIB General Assembly took place on 17 June 2021, with the technical support of its sponsor Spreds, and all items were approved during the meeting.

We have launched an interview series “Meet FAIB members” where we talk to our members about their associations and their FAIB membership.

We are happy and grateful for the interviews conducted so far and are proud to introduce you to our members who have already agreed to be interviewed: [The International Association for Soaps, Detergents and Maintenance Products \(AISE\)](#), [AVERE - The European Association for Electromobility](#), [The Association of Issuing Bodies \(AIB\)](#), [The World Employment Confederation \(WEC\)](#) & [Breast International Group \(BIG\)](#).

You can find the full interviews on [our website](#) and [our LinkedIn page](#)! Have a look!

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