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### ***President's Editorial***

*"Once again, we are at year's end and hoping to enjoy the festive season, although for many of those working with the EU institutions the final months of this Commission and Parliament are generating an excessive workload as this Commission hastens to complete its programme ahead of next year's European parliamentary elections.*

*For FAIB, 2023 has been an eventful year as we have lived through a change of our long-standing Secretary General, Danièle Vranken. Luckily her replacement by Stella Sauvan, who has worked as Deputy Secretary General of FAIB for many years has led to an easier and smoother takeover.[...]."*

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### **Future Events**

**25.01.24 | 12:00 -14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate**

***Grant agreements: VAT aspects***  
with Charlotte Watteyne and Alain Costantini, DWMC legal  
Venue : M.A.I., rue Washington 40, 1050 Ixelles.

**20.02.24 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate**

***Implementation and use of AI in companies, social law aspects***  
with Christophe Delmarcelle, Partner at DEL-Law  
Venue: M.A.I., rue Washington 40, 1050 Ixelles.

**19.03.24 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate**

***Full Payroll Outsourcing: A Game-Changer for International Associations***  
with Hugues Thibaut, SDWorx  
Venue: M.A.I., rue Washington 40, 1050 Ixelles.

**25.04.24 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate**

*Lunch-debate regarding the VAT*, Topic to be advised.  
with Antoine Druetz, EY Law-Belgium  
Venue: M.A.I., rue Washington 40, 1050 Ixelles.

Other topics will be addressed in future events, so keep an eye here for updates:



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## This month's articles for members in FAIB News

- **Associations, international associations and foundations – bringing the statutes in line with the new Belgian law: urgent action requested** // By Francis Houben, founder of Legal & Tax Management Sc SPRL
- **The VAT issue of an incomplete invoice** // By Quentin de Drée, Senior VAT Associate at European VAT Desk
- **Use of ChatGPT by an employee and serious cause termination** // By Christophe Delmarcelle, Founding Partner DEL-Law
- **Non-profit Association : How to determine your VAT status?** // By Bernard Ickowicz, partner at European VAT Desk
- **The Central Register: the new public database keeps an eye on board bans** // By Antoine Druetz, Partner, Fantine Miroir, Associate, and Pauline Vansteenkiste, Junior Associate at EY Law
- **Recap of some changes if employees are sick** // By Sophie Maes, Attorney-Partner Claey's & Engels

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## FAIB's missions

**Pursue every initiative** to encourage European and international associations to settle and remain in Belgium.

**Represent its members** to third parties and defend their interests towards all public and private bodies.

**Obtain legal recognition** of associations and the associative movement by Belgian, European and international authorities.

**Facilitate** its member's activities in every possible way within its remits.

**Assist its members** with joint studies, administrative and auxiliary services, etc.

**Keep its members informed** of developments in legal, administrative and all relevant matters impacting them.

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- **365 € for full members with an annual budget of more than 620.000 € or having an office or mailbox at the MAI (International Associations Centre) .**

Join us as a member today and you will enjoy a **15 to 20% reduction** in the cost of hiring meeting rooms in the Maison des Associations Internationales. Depending on the room hired, just a few meetings in their meeting rooms will allow you to cover the cost of your annual FAIB membership fee (max. 360.-€). This is yet another of the benefits you will enjoy by being an FAIB member!

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## FAQ



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 answers to the many questions asked by International Associations. If you are an association but not a member of the FAIB and wish to access the FAQ page, the cost is 360 €/year. [For more information, contact the FAIB Team at \[faib@faib.org\]\(mailto:faib@faib.org\).](#)

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