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A “**FAIB Digest**” summarising the contents of the full version, is distributed to the non-member international associations in Belgium so as to inform them of the subjects dealt with at FAIB level. It is also posted on the homepage of our website.

Furthermore, in between two editions of the FAIB News, a “**FLASH FAIB**” system is implemented by which our members are informed of the latest news or consulted on relevant enquiries from third parties.

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Editorial de Daniel Van Espen, Président de la FAIB: 2013, l'année européenne des citoyens.

Sous la houlette de la cellule présidée par Mme Viviane Reding, cette initiative encourage le dialogue à tous les niveaux entre les pouvoirs publics, la société civile et les entreprises lors d'événements et de conférences organisées dans l'espace européen. L'objectif est de débattre des droits des citoyens et de déterminer le visage de l'Europe à l'horizon 2020. Au même moment, le budget cadre 2014-2020 bute sur une enveloppe limitée à 960 milliards, en baisse de 3,5% ! Alors, se demande le Président, le projet européen ne mériterait-il pas que l'on stimule la croissance et qu'on apporte aux 500 millions de citoyens un cadre de vie plus encourageant, tout en affermissant la place de l'Europe dans le monde ?

Faites entendre votre voix : le site est www.europa.eu/citizens-2013/fr/about/contact-us.

Calendar of events.

- Lunch Debates:

- 18.4.2013: Rules on VAT, taxes, accounting applicable to INPAs by KPMG.
- 30.5.2013 FAIB General Assembly with presentation of the results of the socio-economic survey.

- Exhibitions and site inspection visits: call the FAIB secretariat and get more details

- 16 and 17.5.2013: the European Association Summit, Brussels, Autoworld and Square www.easummit.eu. Register and meet EU officials and Top Associations Executives.
- 21 to 23.05.2013 IMEX Frankfurt Register as hosted buyer on www.imex-frankfurt.com.

New full members: we are pleased to welcome the following international associations:

- **AIJA**, Association Internationale des Jeunes Avocats aisbl - www.aija.org
- **CERDEN**, Centre Européen pour la Recherche, le Développement et l'Enseignement de la Nutrition et la Nutrithérapie aisbl www.cerden.org
- **EAV**, European Alliance for Volunteering aisbl - www.volunteering-alliance.eu
- **EIIL**, European Institute for Industrial Leadership aisbl (for engineers, technologists, scientists) www.eiil.net
- **IGI** The Global Wallcoverings Association aisbl (industry) - www.wallcoverings.org
- **Karama**, Karama stands for dignity and Equality of women in Africa and Middle-East - www.el-karama.org
- **SOS Catastrophe**, Dispositif d'aide aux victimes de catastrophes en Europe - www.sos-catastrophes-eu

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER : we are pleased to welcome Mr Sebastian Kirsch, Senior VAT Manager at KPGM Tax and legal Adviser - Bourgetlaan, Avenue du Bourget, 40, 1130 Bruxelles, - www.kpgm.be

FAIB Lunch Debate 12.12.2012: VAT Regulations – Changes in 2013 by Gunther Vandergucht, Deloitte.

Reducing the administrative burden goes hand in hand with strengthening the control. Henceforth, VAT is chargeable when the underlying good has been delivered or the service starts to be rendered. This changes the VAT applicable on membership fees collected in advance. The mandatory invoice references are simplified; e-invoicing is promoted. More : www.faib.org - gvandergucht@deloitte.com.

Voeux de la FAIB 17.01.2013 Daniel Van Espen se prêtait avec son habituelle chaleureuse sympathie à l'exercice habituel des vœux de saison tandis que l'historien Roel Jacobs surfait avec humour sur l'histoire de Bruxelles, «une ville où tout n'est pas toujours beau, mais toujours intense».

Social Media for Associations : not if, but how. FAIB Lunch Debate 28.2.2013 by Fernando Anton, Director at Cambre Associates, FAIB Sponsor.

The seminar focused on the fundamental steps needed to devise a social media strategy. Fernando presented a thorough overview of key platforms, case studies and tips, also drawing from examples of recent works developed by Cambre for a number of associations. The floor expressed some doubts about technical and legal aspects: the advice was: start small and get the help of your team; content is king; use good and sharable content on your channel and you will soon find your inner social media voice. Watch a video summary of the meeting on www.cambre-associates.com.

General info provided by our Associate members / Sponsors: Posting workers in the European Economic

Area: Before sending a worker to another country, it is important to verify if posting would not be more advantageous from a social and fiscal standpoint. But the posting conditions must be scrupulously met and, without derogations, the duration of the posting may not exceed respectively 24 months and 183 days. Adding a clause to the employment contract is indispensable. Queries? faib@faib.org and international@groups.be.

Modification of the size criteria for INPAs: Communication by Antoine Druetz, Cabinet Lorenz, FAIB Associate member. For your accounting obligations, are you a small, large or very large INPA? Get more on the Royal Decree of 25.8.2012 by consulting www.faib.org or by contacting us.

Annual Seminar on VAT Topics. Joint initiative by VAT Desk & FAIB 26.2.2013. Three hot topics were tackled: the new invoicing rules; subsidies - service fees; event organisation. More: Philippe Noirhomme: pn@vatdesk.be

Professional Immersion Conventions Flash News Claeys & Engels, 14.3.2013. A Royal Decree foresees that from 1.1.2013 social security contributions are due for trainees under Professional Immersion Conventions. Declare them to ONSS/ RSZ via Dimona and Dmfa and pay the contributions due.

Initiative Transparence : bientôt de nouvelles pistes? La FAIB faisait partie du panel des organisations sélectionnées pour apporter une expertise technique préalable à des décisions à prendre par le Commissaire Sefcovic et le Vice Président Weylandt. Après deux ans d'expérience conjointe Commission + Parlement, une évaluation était prévue pouvant déboucher sur de nouvelles règles ou interprétations. Si des tendances se dégagent, il nous semble préférable de remettre à une édition prochaine un exposé des vues politiques qui présideront à l'avenir de l'Initiative.

New FAIB Sponsors: Cambre Associates (ID in next edition) and Brussels Business Flats. BBF offers a wide range of over 1500 apartments in top locations, with flexible short to long term packages and a combination of services. Ideal for a temporary stay at a reasonable budget. Rooms are on average 3x the size of a standard hotel room. They are furnished in a contemporary style. You can as well bring your own furniture. Amongst a professional and multilingual team, Sales Manager: Sandra Van Bellingen 0032 2 7050521 ext 0212 - sandra@bbf.be - www.bbf.be

Brussels Airlines: a special fare agreement has been signed with FAIB granting FAIB members a reduction on many Brussels Airlines flights. Contact Danièle Vranken: dvranken@faib.org

FAIB INFORMATION:

- FAIB socio-economic survey: aggregated results to be announced in a press conference during the European Association Summit (16-17 May) and detailed at the FAIB General Assembly (30 May 2013).
- The FAIB members list: instead of the paper version the web version continues to be updated with the changes notified by members.
- FAIB study tours and trade fairs attended:
 - The MICE event for Eastern & Central Europe, Budapest 10-12 February: www.europecongress.com
 - Marseille, France, 14 and 15 February : www.mice-place.com www.meetandcom.com
 - Malaga, Spain, 15- 17 March: convention.bureau@malaga.sp www.malagacongressos.com

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