

Fiscalis programme for cooperation in the field of taxation 2021–2027

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PURPOSE: to establish the fiscalis programme for cooperation in the field of taxation for the period 2021-2027.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: the [fiscalis 2020](#) programme and its predecessors have significantly contributed to facilitating and enhancing cooperation between tax authorities within the Union. The added value of those programmes, including as regards the protection of the financial and economic interests of Member States of the Union and of taxpayers, has been recognised by the tax authorities of the participating countries.

The Union and the national tax authorities still suffer from **insufficient capacity and insufficient cooperation – both within the EU and with third countries** – to carry out effectively and efficiently their missions. They need to provide quick and joint responses to emerging problems such as tax fraud, tax evasion and tax avoidance, digitalisation and new business models, while at the same time preventing unnecessary administrative burden for citizens and businesses in cross-border transactions.

Therefore, the Commission is proposing a new fiscalis programme under the Single Market, Innovation and Digital budget heading. It shall comprise means and a budget which shall support tax policy and tax authorities through administrative and IT capacity building activities and operational cooperation.

CONTENT: the proposal for a Regulation - presented for a Union of 27 Member States - seeks to establish **the fiscalis programme for cooperation in the field of taxation for the period 2021-2027**, which will succeed the Fiscalis 2020 programme.

Objective: the programme has the general objective to support tax authorities and taxation to enhance the functioning of the single market, foster Union competitiveness and protect the financial and economic interests of the Union and its Member States. It supports **tax policy, tax cooperation and administrative capacity building**, including human competency and the development and operation of the European electronic systems.

The programme shall be open to participation by Member States, acceding, candidate and potential candidate countries. The implementation of the programme will occur through the most commonly used spending mechanisms of Union budget, namely public procurement and grants.

Eligible actions: the proposed Regulation provides mechanisms, means as well as the necessary funding aiming to support tax policy and to improve cooperation between tax authorities. The proposed measure comprises *inter alia* meetings and similar ad-hoc events, project-based structured collaboration and human competency and capacity building actions, in which Member States and their officials may participate on a voluntary basis.

IT capacity: the proposal provides an **improved framework and governance** for the IT capacity building actions carried out under the programme. An improved definition of common components and

national components reflecting better the reality of IT projects and their features has been integrated. The tasks incumbent on the Commission on the one hand, and the Member States on the other hand, have been listed

A multi-annual strategic plan for taxation to be drawn up by the Commission, in partnership with the Member States, shall allow for a better planning of budgetary and human resources both at national and EU level. The Commission and the Member States shall ensure jointly the development and operation, including the design, specification, conformance testing, deployment, maintenance, evolution, security, quality assurance and quality control, of the European electronic systems listed in the multi-annual strategic plan for taxation.

Proposed budget: under the [proposed](#) new multiannual financial framework, the programme shall have an overall budget of **EUR 270 million (in current prices) for the period 2021-2027**. The vast majority of the proposed budget will be spent on IT capacity building activities.