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## Dispute Resolution and Taxpayer Protection



ATHENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
7 AKADIMIAS STR., 106 71, ATHENS, GREECE

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# PROGRAM

09:00-09:30

**Registration**

09:30-09:45

**Salutation**

**Euclid Tsakalotos**

Minister of Finance

**Constantine Michalos**

President of Institute for Arbitration and  
Alternative Dispute Resolution, Greece

**George Gerapetritis**

Director, Department of Public Law,  
University of Athens Law School

09:45-10:00

**Welcome remarks**

**George Pitsilis**

Governor, Independent Authority for Public  
Revenue (IAPR)

10:00-11:30

**Panel I**

**Developments in Greece:  
Administrative Dispute Resolution and  
the Mutual Agreement Procedure  
(MAP) in cross border cases**

**Moderator**

**Alexandros Karagiannis**

Vice President of the Legal Council of State,  
Head of the Bureau of the Legal Council of State,  
IAPR

**Panelists**

**Timos Papadopoulos**

Director of the Dispute Resolution Unit, IAPR

*The administrative dispute resolution mechanism:  
The Dispute Resolution Unit of the IAPR*

**Lydia-Elisavet Sofrona**

Director of Legal Services, IAPR

*Legal issues in the application of the Mutual  
Agreement Procedure for the resolution of multi-  
jurisdictional tax disputes in Greece*

**Odysseas Pylalis**

Director of International Economic Relations, IAPR

*Practical aspects of the Mutual Agreement  
Procedure*

11:30-12:00

**coffee break**

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12:00-13:30

## Panel II

Dispute resolution and taxpayer protection: the international framework

Moderator

**Prof. Theodore Fortsakis**

University of Athens Law School

Panelists

**Andreas Tsourouflis**

Lecturer on Public Law, University of Athens Law School

*The EU Arbitration Convention*

**Katerina Perrou**

Legal Counsel, IAPR, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, IBFD, University Assistant, University of Athens Law School

*Taxpayer protection under the ECHR*

**Sandra Knaepen**

Head of the Mutual Agreement Procedure Unit at CTP, OECD

*Dispute resolution and Protection of taxpayer rights: The OECD Perspective*

13:30-14:30

**lunch break**

14:30-16:00

## Panel III

Dispute resolution and taxpayer protection: a comparative overview

Moderator

**Honorable Vassilios Skouris**

Former President of the European Court of Justice

Panelists

**Nina Olson**

US Taxpayer Advocate

*The US Tax Payer Bill of Rights*

**Pasquale Pistone**

Academic Chairman, IBFD, Professor of International and European Tax Law at WU University of Vienna and Tax Law at the University of Salerno

*Protection of taxpayer rights in the EU*

**Andreas Pottakis**

The Greek Ombudsman

*Protection of taxpayers in Greece: the Ombudsman experience*

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16:00-16:30

**coffee break**

16:30-18:00

**Panel IV**

**Round Table**

**Creating a safe environment for tax payers: Tax payer protection and Dispute Resolution**

**Moderator**

**George Pitsilis**

Governor, IAPR

**Panelists**

**Rena Girinakis**

Deputy US Tax Payer Advocate

**Elaine Benn**

Central Customer Directorate, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC), United Kingdom

**Jean-Luc Barçon-Maurin**

Head of the Legal Services, French General Directorate of Public Finances (DGFIP)

**Jeroen Weijers**

Strategical advisor Individuals, Services and Appeals Directorate, Netherlands Tax and Customs Administration (NTCA), the Netherlands

18:00-18:30

**Closing Remarks**

**Honorable Iriini Sharp**

President of the Tax Division of the Greek Supreme Court, Vice-President of the Greek Supreme Court