

European Charities' Committee on VAT Conference
VAT and Charities: the options
Wednesday, 29 January 2003: 10.00 – 16.00

Polak Room, International Press Centre, 155 rue de la Loi, B-1040 Brussels

- 09.30: Coffee and registration
- 10.00: **Welcome and introduction:**
Nick Kavanagh, Chairman, European Charities' Committee on VAT
- 10.15: **The Parliament's Perspective**
Christa Randzio-Plath MEP, Chairman, European Parliament Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee
- 10.45: **The options for charities**
Peter Jenkins, Global VAT Partner, Ernst and Young
- 11.30: **The Commission's reaction**
Stephen Bill, Head of Unit C.3, VAT and other Turnover Taxes
- 12.15: **Case studies: the charities' perspective:**
Presentations from:
- *Antonio Alves, Ligua Portuguesa contro I Cancro*
 - *Sheila Nordon, Irish Charities' Tax Reform Group*
 - *Andreas Johnsen, Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der Freienwohplege*
 - *Ernesto Uria Izco, Organizaci?n Nacional de Ciegos de Espana*
- 13.15: Lunch
- 14.30: **Case studies continued:**
- *Rudi Cattani, European Blind Union*
 - *Sue Cassell, European Federation of Youth Hostel Associations*
 - *Alexander Nicoll, Archbishops' Council, Church of England*
- 15.15: **The way forward:**
Simon Hebditch, Charities' Aid Foundation, Chairman, European Foundation Centre Taxation Task Force
- 15.30: **Strategic conclusions – panel discussion:**
Introduced by Theresa Villiers MEP, Member of the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
- 16.15: Conference closes (coffee will be available)

