

AEB Taxation Committee in 2016: Facts and Figures

Goal of the Committee's activities	Improvement of business environment for European companies in Russia	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To monitor development of tax system in the RF; • To inform AEB members on important changes to the tax legislation and tax practice; • To organize regular meetings, open events and conferences for European and Russian companies; • To present the leading international practices in the taxation sphere in Russia; • To formulate and present the AEB position on taxation issues; • To cooperate with relevant governmental bodies on tax issues and tax administration; 	
Chairperson	Dr. Alina Lavrentieva, Partner, PriceWaterhouseCoopers	
Deputy Chairperson	Vadim Zaripov, Head of Analytical Department, Pepeliaev Group LLC	
Members	Over 200	
Committee meetings in 2016/participants	19.01.2016 (33 participants) 16.02.2016 (41 participants) 06.04.2016 (40 participants) 25.05.2016 (41 participants) 14.07.2016 (14 participants) 07.09.2016 (39 participants) 08.11.2016 (34 participants) 22.12.2016 (12 participants)	
Committee Events in 2016	“Crisis and Taxes: Realities and Prospects” (75 participants) “Development of the Russian Tax System: results of the first half of 2016 and perspectives” (78 participants)	March 16, 2016 June 29, 2016

	<p>“Trade Law Amendments: Practical Aspects” AEB representative meeting with Vasily Osmakov, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade, re Committee’s suggestions on improvement of legislation on SPICs (44 participants)</p> <p>“Development of the Russian Tax System: results of 2016 and perspectives” (83 participants)</p>	<p>October 20, 2016 December 5, 2016 December 15, 2016</p>
<p>Official inquiries in 2016</p>	<p>In line with requests by AEB Member companies, the AEB Taxation Committee has sent the following official queries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To: A.Siluanov Minister of Finance, copies to: A.Ulukaev, Minister of Economic Development, S.Naryshkin, Chairman of the State Duma. Re: amendments to article 170 of the Tax Code of the Russian Federation Results: Adverse amendments were not accepted 2. To: M.Mishustin, Head of the Federal Tax Service, copy to: A.Siluanov Minister of Finance. Re: taxation of foreign insurance companies payments to the Russian tax residents Results: AEB received the replies from the Ministry of Finance and the Federal Tax Service 3. To: S.Naryshkin, Chairman of the State Duma, copies to: A.Siluanov Minister of Finance, A.Ulukaev, Minister of Economic Development, M.Mishustin, Head of the Federal Tax Service Re: draft law on disclosure of tax secrecy Results: AEB comments and suggestions were accepted 4. To: I.Shuvalov, First Deputy Chairman of the Government of RF; A.Dvorkovich, Deputy Chairman of the Government of RF; A.Makarov, Chairman of the State Duma Taxation Committee; L.Levin, Chairman of the State Duma Information Policy and Information Technologies Committee; Copies to: A.Siluanov Minister of Finance; N.Nikiforov, Minister for Communication and Mass Media; L.Brycheva, Head of the State Legislation Directorate; G.Klimenko, Advisor to the President Re: VAT on e-commerce Results: AEB comments and suggestions were accepted 5. To: A.Siluanov, Minister of Finance Re: Draft Law on CbCR Results: the draft law is underway 6. To: I.Trunin, Deputy Minister of Finance Re: VAT on re-export Results: AEB received the reply from the Ministry of Finance 7. To: S.Vologodskiy, Deputy Director of the Industry Development Fund 	

Re: Amendments to the Federal Law №144-FZ dated 23.05.2016 “On amendments to parts 1 and 2 of the Tax Code of the Russian Federation”.

Results: a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade re discussing AEB suggestions took place. Some of AEB suggestions are accepted.

8. To: S.Vologodskiy, Deputy Director of the Industry Development Fund

Re: comments to the Draft Government Decree “ On amendments to the Government Decree №708 dated 16.07.2015 ”.

Results: a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade re discussing AEB suggestions took place. Some of AEB suggestions are accepted.

9. To: A.Siluanov, Minister of Finance; M.Mishustin, Head of the Federal Tax Service; D.Satin, Deputy Head of the Federal Tax Service; copy to: A.Makarov, Chairman of the State Duma Taxation Committee

Re: comments to the Federal Law #244 dated 03.07.2016 on VAT taxation of certain transactions carried out through the "Internet" network (*currently under discussion*).