

To: Public Affairs & Communications Committee, Taxation WG

EC launches public consultation on withholding tax framework

On 1 April, the European Commission (EC) [launched](#) a public consultation on the European withholding tax framework.

The EC is preparing an initiative on improving withholding tax procedures for non-resident investors. The withholding tax initiative aims to provide Member States with the information to prevent tax abuse in the field of withholding taxes and, at the same time, accommodate a swift and efficient processing of the requests for a refund and/or a relief at source procedures of the excess taxes withheld.

In this context, the EC is inviting the public and stakeholders to express their views on the problems at stake as well as on possible measures and their potential impacts. Information received in this consultation will support the impact assessment that the EC is currently carrying out.

Next steps

- **The deadline for providing feedback to the consultation is 24 June.**
- The secretariat will assess the consultation documents and follow up with members in due course.

For more info

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