

### music and taxation: the state of art







### **WELCOME**

The University of Lausanne and the Catholic University of Sacro Cuore (Piacenza) are organising a seminar focused on tax issues related to the entertainment sector with the participation of national tax experts from several jurisdictions (such as Switzerland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Russia and UK). The seminar discusses "Tax issues for music copyrights in relation to collecting societies, publishers, composers and authors".

The purpose of the seminar is, firstly, to provide an overview of domestic tax issues related to withholding tax, beneficial ownership, VAT vis-à-vis music copyrights from a comparative perspective. Secondly, the seminar proposes various suggestions to improve the current tax system in order to reduce compliance costs, delays in processing and administration issues for collecting societies, publishers, composers and authors. These suggestions will be aimed, in particular, at cross border licensing and administration of intellectual property rights for digital platforms operating on a multiterritory basis.

The seminar brings together renowned experts from the academic world and the professional practice as speakers. These speakers will engage in an in depth debate on the foregoing issues and provide a platform for the audience to participate and intervene actively.

Yours sincerely,

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Professor Dr Guglielmo Maisto

### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

14H00-14H30	Registration and coffee
14H30-14H45	Welcome introduction
	<ul><li>Prof. Robert Danon, Switzerland</li><li>Prof. Guglielmo Maisto, Italy</li></ul>
14H45-15H45	Comparative overview
	Chair: Prof. Guglielmo Maisto
	<ul> <li>Prof. Robert Danon,         Hugues Salomé, Switzerland</li> <li>Christophe Moreau, France</li> <li>Euan Lawson, UK</li> <li>Luis Dura, Spain</li> </ul>
15H45-16H15	Coffee Break
16H15-17H15	Comparative overview
	<ul> <li>Karolina Tetlak, Poland</li> <li>Dick Molenaar, The Netherlands</li> <li>Harald Grams, Germany</li> <li>Mario Tenore, Italy</li> <li>Victor Matchekhin, Russia</li> </ul>
17H15-17H30	Coffee Break
17H30-18H15	Improving the domestic and international tax framework for collecting societies, publishers, composers and authors
	Panel discussion with speakers chaired by Prof. Robert Danon
18H15-18H30	Concluding remarks

### **SEMINAR OBJECTIVES**

The seminar is aimed at providing the participants with:

- 1. An overview of selected national tax systems; and
- 2. Suggestions for improving the existing tax framework.

### **SEMINAR AUDIENCE**

The seminar is open to practitioners, academics, young researchers, music agents and music associations. The participation is free of charge.

### **SPEAKERS**

### In order of appearance



Professor Dr Robert Danon
Professor of Swiss and international
tax law at the University of Lausanne



**Professor Karolina Tetlak** *University of Warsaw Poland* 



Professor Dr Guglielmo Maisto
Professor of Tax Law at Università Cattolica
del Sacro Cuore (Piacenza) Founding
Partner Maisto e Associati



**Dick Molenaar**All Arts Tax Advisers
The Netherlands



Hugues Salomé
Partner PWC
Switzerland



Harald Grams Grams & Partner Germany



**Christophe Moreau** *Chammas & Marcheteau France* 



**Mario Tenore** *Maisto e Associati Italy* 



**Euan Lawson** *Michael Simkins LLP The Netherlands* 



**Victor Matchekhin**Head of Linklaters Russian
Tax Practice
Russia



**Luis Dura** *Dura Assesores, Spain* 



### "MUSIC AND TAXATION: THE STATE OF ART"

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### Important:

Please contact Roberta Testa (r.testa@maisto.it) and Natacha Fauconnier (natacha.fauconnier@unil.ch) for any information regarding the event.



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## **REGISTRATION FORM**

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