



# Belgium – Netherlands Joint IFA Branch Meeting

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## About the event

The Belgian and Netherlands IFA branches invite you to the city of Antwerp for a day of engaging discussions on the new bilateral tax convention and other international tax developments in the Low Countries.

For more information on registrations and logistics, please check the Conference webpage at [ifa-nl.org/bilateral](http://ifa-nl.org/bilateral).

## Certificates of attendance and PE credits

**Netherlands:** Participants may request a certificate of attendance by registering at the event. Members of the *Nederlandse Orde van Belastingadviseurs* (NOB) are eligible to up to 5.25 PE credits (vaktechnisch).

**Belgium:** Accreditations for the following professional associations may be requested:

- Orde van Vlaamse Balies (OVB);
- Ordre des barreaux francophones et germanophone (Avocats.be);
- Institute for Tax Advisors and Accountants (ITAA).



# Morning

08:30 **Registration, networking and refreshments**

09:30 **Opening of the Conference**

Bernard Peeters (Chair Belgian branch) and Maikel Evers (Chair Netherlands branch)

09:45 **Session 1: Reaped benefits and peculiarities for individuals**

Session Chair: Frank Pötgens – Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam / De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek

Panel members: Angie Clocheret, Pepijn van Eijk, Griet Vanden Abeele, Martijn Verwijs

11:00 **Coffee break**

11:30 **Session 2: Understanding challenges and prospects for business with emphasis on PE presence**

Session Chair: Tim Wustenberghs – Universiteit van Antwerpen / Deloitte

Panel members: Jasper Korving, Veerle Lerut, Evelien Luyck, David Tiesinga

12:45 **Networking lunch**



# Afternoon

14:00 **Comedy break with Bas Birker**

14:30 **Session 3: Delving into the classics: how recent Belgian and Dutch case law keeps the narrative on tax treaty abuse and beneficial ownership relevant**

Session Chair: Margriet Lukkien - Loyens & Loeff

Panel members: Linda Brosens, Loes van Hulsten, Ward Willems

15:45 **Coffee break**

16:15 **Session 4: A hands-on perspective on the functioning of Dispute Prevention and Resolution mechanisms**

Session Chair: Caroline Docclo - Université libre de Bruxelles / Solvay Brussels School / Loyens & Loeff

Panel members: Rhys Bane, Filip Haes, Harm Mark Pit

17:15 **Session 5: Assessing the interplay between the Dutch legal entity tax qualification rules and Belgian domestic legislation**

Panel members: Gijs Fibbe, Ilse Lagerweij, Bart Peeters

18:00 **Closing remarks by the Branch Chairs**



# Evening

## 18:15 Visit to the Antwerp Zoo and Walking BBQ Dinner

Join us for a short evening stroll at the Antwerp Zoo, where we will wander among the resting animals and soak in the serenity of the garden.

Following the walk, we invite you to enjoy a Belgian barbecue and refreshing beverages. Reconnect with old IFA friends and forge new friendships. If you'd like to bring a guest, kindly refer to the [registration page](#) for additional details.

