

# The great fiscal election debate

**February 18, 2014**

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On the occasion of the 1st anniversary of Antwerp Tax Academy and the 75th anniversary of the law firm Tiberghien Advocaten, the Great Fiscal Election Debate took place on Tuesday 18 February 2014. The central theme was the fundamental reform of the Belgian tax system.

The debate was conducted by a panel of politicians from the Joint Parliamentary Committee in charge of tax reform and a reflection panel composed of independent experts.

**Organization / co-organization:** Antwerp Tax Academy and Tiberghien

Lawyers in collaboration with Center for Professional Development Law Recht

## **Programme:**

6.30 – 6.50: pm Welcome

Welcome by Prof. Dr. Bruno Peeters - Chairman Antwerp Tax Academy

19:00 Tax debate: Towards a fundamental reform of the Belgian tax system?

Moderator: Kathleen Cools - journalist VRT

Political panel: Meyrem Almaci - Groen, Rik Daems - Open Vld, Carl Devlies - CD&V, Dirk Van der Maelen - sp.a, Veerle Wouters - N-VA

Reflection panel: Prof. Dr. Bea Cantillon - UAntwerp and ATA, Peter De Keyzer - chief economist BNP Paribas-Fortis, Ivan Van de Cloot - chief economist Itinera Institute and Antwerp Management School, Koen Van Duyse - Tiberghien Advocaten

8.30 p.m. Closing speech: towards a substantial reduction in the tax burden on labour.

Minister of Finance Koen Geens

9 pm Reception (provided by Tiberghien Advocaten)