



AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Tax & Customs Committee

Annual Program

Year 2023

Mission

The Tax and Custom Committee fine-tunes tax and customs regulations and eases their implementation, pursuing to increase predictability and legal certainty, transparency, and efficiency of the Albania fiscal system in line with international standards and modern business requirements.

The Committee interacts between businesses, state and local tax and customs authorities, and professionals to develop a platform for dialogue in developing fiscal regulatory solutions that follow global best practices and policies.

Focus Area

- ✓ Increasing the transparency of amendments in the fiscal system
- ✓ Facilitating the implementation of fiscal regulations
- ✓ Improving the decision-making system in fiscal system
- ✓ Proposing new legislation to be introduced by the government
- ✓ Promote the development of digital solutions in taxes and customs
- ✓ Reducing administrative burden on the implementation of the double tax treaties

Operations

- ✓ Active lobbying on laws and regulation that affect the Tax and Customs sector;
- ✓ Sharing of the tax and customs expertise of our members;
- ✓ Advocacy on business interest by industry and individuals
- ✓ Organizing trainings tailored to different categories of members
- ✓ Direct engagement on the discussion of Fiscal Package/other draft tax legislation
- ✓ Meetings in various cities to promote business to the authorities and developing discussion between business and administration
- ✓ Close working groups at expert level for handling ad-hoc business issues for customs and taxes
- ✓ Coordination with the approach adopted by AmCham board and the work and activities of other Committees within AmCham to ensure a unified and effective approach
- ✓ Preparation of a booklet presenting Albania fiscal environment (need Board approval)
- ✓ Review current and proposed legislation to formulate desirable changes that would simplify, clarify and increase efficiency of doing business in the country
- ✓ Submit formal comments on proposed amendments to legislation
- ✓ Submit proposal for adopting new legislation business sectors / categories

13 Activities

3 Information and training session on different topics

10 Lobbying and advocacy activities with government

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Advocacy and lobbying activities with Government

For better quality of life and a better business environment in Albania

- Business Forum with General Customs Director and Supreme State Audit – Custom Reassessment
- Business Forum with Local Government Level, including Tirana and other cities (focused on local taxes imposed to large taxpayers engaged in energy and production sectors)
- Working Breakfast with Minister of State for Entrepreneurship
- Business Forum with General Tax Directorate and Ministry of Finance on implementation of double tax treaties and - simplification of procedures for implementation of tax treaties (direct implementation of the treaties by abolishing the application process with GTD) (I kam bashkuar)
- Lobbying for the improvement of new income tax law and sub laws: Meeting with the Commission of Finance and Economy in the Parliament and Ministry of Finance
- Fiscal Package 2024 – Lobbying with the government and Parliament
- Lobbying on the VAT law and sublaws changes (Tobacco Industry and other Issues)
- Joint Meeting between two Committees_The fight against informality in the tourism sector
- Meeting with the Large Taxpayers Directorate - (event specific to members registered with such Directorate (VIP) - discussion on practical issues and concerns coming out of tax audits) TP practice workshop.
- Preparation of a booklet presenting Albania fiscal environment

Training and Networking Events

To engage with current affairs, connect know-how, and exchange good business practices. At the same time, AmCham events are an excellent opportunity for networking at the highest level

- Information Session on the New Fiscal Package
- Training session with Customs - Sharing experiences - technical groups
- Training sessions in customs sector (sharing experiences) and promoting digital solutions