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## STANDING FOR QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL TAX ADVICE

### TAXPAYERS RIGHTS AND TAXPAYERS CHARTER

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book of the CFE

The European Commission is currently consulting on enhancing the exchange of information between Europe's tax authorities<sup>1</sup>. Whilst this may help member state governments, it exposes taxpayers in Europe additional risks to their rights.

The CFE has launched its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book<sup>2</sup> which examines the rights of taxpayers across Europe and what charters or legal rights they have.

Stephen Coleclough, CFE President commented: "As the tax authorities increase their ability to monitor taxpayers, through use of technology and greater legal powers, it becomes more important for taxpayers to know what their rights are".

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Note for Editors:

1. The tax adviser profession is the unique profession in all our tax systems by helping taxpayers to understand and comply with the tax obligations.
2. The CFE is the umbrella organisation of the tax adviser profession in Europe. It was founded in the year 1959 and embraces 32 national organisations from 24 European States and within them over 180,000 tax advisers. CFE consider its functions to be to safeguard the professional interests of tax advisers and to assure the quality of tax services provided by tax advisers and to exchange information about national tax laws and professional law and to contribute to coordination respectively of tax law in Europe.

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<sup>1</sup> Proposal for a new Council Directive COM (2009) 28 and COM (2009) 29; Report on the use of mutual assistance provisions COM (2009) 451.

<sup>2</sup> The book is available at the CFE Brussels office for 20 € plus forwarding charges, please order by mail or phone, [brusseloffice@cfe-eutax.org](mailto:brusseloffice@cfe-eutax.org), phone: +32 2 761 00 91.