



5th REGIONAL TAX CONFERENCE, March 16, 2010
AMCHAMS OF CEE (Czech, Hungary, Poland,
Slovakia)

- 9:30 Welcome coffee and registration for the technical panel
- 10:00 Official Opening
Peter Kay, AmCham Poland Board Member/ Tax Committee Co-Chair
- 10:05-11:30 Technical Panel - Indirect Taxes (*moderated by **Tomasz Michalik***)
- **Robert Newton**, IBM; **Ray Sidders**, Citigroup Inc. - New EU VAT packaging: Sharing experience with the new regulations
 - **Tomasz Michalik**, MDDP - VAT Grouping
 - **Cezary Przygodzki**, Salans; **Karl-Heinz Haydl**, GE - Electronic Invoices
- 11:30-13:00 Technical Panel - Direct Taxes (*moderated by **Peter Kay***)
- **Michael Lukacs**, GE - Thin Capitalization – what purpose does it serve?
 - **Sebastian Lebda**, PwC - APA and binding interpretations
Dariusz Niestrzębski - Formerly Min Fin, Dep. of Direct Taxes, Director
 - **Markus Baur**, IBM - Transfer Pricing: local company concerns vs. US HQ concerns
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch & Registration
- 14:00** Welcome by AmCham Poland – **Roman Rewald**, Chairman AmCham Poland
- 14:05-14:20 US Ambassador comments on US economy and importance of tax policy for business
- 14:20-14:35 Regional Economic Presentation – **Mark Allen**, Senior Regional Representative, IMF
- 14:35-15:00 Coffee Break
- 15:00-15:20 *Keynote* - Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Finance, **Maciej Grabowski**
- 15:20-17:00 Political Panel (*moderated by **Tony Housh**, AmCham Poland*)
- **Witold Zieliński**, CFO Citi Handlowy
 - **Philip Long**, CEEMEA Manager Procter & Gamble
 - **Will Morris**, Tax Counsel GE International
 - **Maciej Grabowski**, Polish Ministry of Finance
 - **Csaba Laszlo**, Hungarian Former Ministry of Finance
 - **Karel Korba**, Czech Ministry of Finance
 - **Zdenko Krajcir**, Slovakian Ministry of Finance
1. How has/is the crisis affecting tax policy in your country?
 2. Are you applying tax stimulus plans? Do you think them effective in stimulating growth and income?
 3. Is tax policy still an important factor for attracting FDI in our countries?
 4. What has been the experience with VAT Groupings in CEE and how does this affect the outsourcing sector and investment?
 5. The Flat Tax in Slovakia – a shared experience
- 17:00 Q&A
- 17:30 Closing remarks