## Fireside Chat with Jeffrey Owens: Digital Tax Transformation: An Opportunity for the European Union!

This 22nd Tax Policy Fireside Chat, with a guest speaker Mr. Stephen Quest (Director General for Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission) on 29 May 2018 will take place from 17:00 - 18:15 at the Library of the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law (D3.2.G04).

The WU Global Tax Policy Center at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law is delighted to invite you to the 22nd Tax Policy Fireside Chat (FSC). In this series of events, Prof. Jeffrey Owens and leading players in the field of tax policy discuss issues which are currently preoccupying governments, businesses and civil society. These FSCs enable a wide range of people to participate in these policy debates providing input from their various fields of interest.

## **Guest speaker:**

Mr. Stephen Quest is currently the Director-General for <u>Taxation and Customs</u> <u>Union at the European Commission</u>.

Stephen joined the European Commission in 1993. Since then he has held a number of positions across different policy areas, including Financial Programming and Budget of the European Union, Environment, and Employment and Social Affairs. Most recently he held the positions of Director-General for Informatics, the Commission's department providing digital solutions to enable European policies and support the Commission's internal administration, and Director of the Office that administers and pays the Individual financial entitlements of the staff of the European Commission.

Prior to joining the European Commission, Stephen worked for the UK Department of Employment and the UK Permanent Representation to the European Union. He graduated in 1986 from the University of York, obtaining a degree in History.