



**TAXE COMMITTEE**  
**ad hoc Delegation**  
**to Bern (Switzerland) 22 May 2015**

**FINAL Draft Programme as of 20/05/2015**

**Thursday 21 May 2015**

**Arrival in Bern on 21 May in the evening**

*It is suggested to take the train from Strasbourg to Bern, via Basel (one change, takes 2h30), and to book via the travel agency. There are trains hourly at 13h51, 14h51, 15h51 etc.*

**Friday 22 May 2015**

*All meetings with stakeholders will be in English (with interpretation EN/FR) and will take place in the EU Delegation to Switzerland, Bubenberplatz 5, Bern (200m / 2 min from the train station)*

**8.30-09.15 Welcome and presentation by Ulrich TRAUTMANN**  
First Counsellor, Head of Sector Trade and Economic Affairs  
Delegation of the EU to Switzerland & Liechtenstein

Presentation on the EU delegation's analysis of Swiss tax policy and in particular the use of the cantonal Swiss company tax schemes including ruling practice and policies in different Swiss cantons

**09.15 - 10.00 Meeting with Business representatives**

Markus R. Neuhaus, Chairman of the Board of PwC Switzerland, Member of the office of the Global Chairman of PwC

[Economie Suisse](#)

Frank Marty, Member of the executive board, Head Financial Services & Taxes  
François Baur, Permanent Delegate in Brussels, Head European Affairs

[Swiss Holdings](#)

Martin Zogg, Member of the Executive Committee, Head Domestic and International Taxation,  
Martin Hess, Senior Policy Manager Taxation, Certified Tax Expert, SwissHoldings

[Swiss Bankers Association](#)

Urs Kapalle, Director Financial Policy and Taxes

- 10.00 - 10.45 Meeting with NGOs: Alliance Sud and Declaration of Berne (DoB)**  
Mark Herkenrath, Programme Officer International Finance & Tax Policy and designated Director of Alliance Sud, Member of Global Alliance for Tax Justice  
Olivier Longchamp, Tax Policy & International Finance, Declaration of Berne (DoB)
- 11.00 - 12.00 Meeting with Jacques de Watteville, State Secretary in the Federal Department of Finance (DFF)**  
*Venue: State Secretariat for International Financial Matters SIF  
Bundesgasse 3, 3003 Bern (200m / 2 min from the EU delegation)*
- 12.00 - 14.00 Working lunch with the State Secretary and with Members of the Swiss Parliament**  
*This working lunch is kindly hosted by the State Secretary. Attendance is limited to MEPs only. Meeting will be held in French only (interpretation arrangements by EP)  
Venue: State Secretariat for International Financial Matters SIF*
- 14.00 - 14.15 Press point State Secretary and TAXE Chair (in French only)**
- 14.30 - 15.30 Meeting with think tank: "Avenir Suisse"**  
Dr. Marco Salvi, Senior researcher  
Avenir Suisse  
*Venue: EU Delegation to Switzerland*

***Programme to end around 15.30***

*As there are few flights from Bern to other European cities, it is recommended to fly from Basel, Zurich or Geneva. No transfers can be organised to the airports.*

*Transfer by train from Bern to*

*- Zurich airport: 1h20 by train (direct)*

*- Geneva airport: 1h50 (direct)*

*- Basel airport: 1h20 (1 change, airport bus from Basel train station)*