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22 May 2017

Joint press release by Schäuble and Le Maire

Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble met with his French counterpart Economy Minister Bruno Le Maire on 22 May 2017 in Berlin only one week after the meeting of Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron. Both ministers agreed that Germany and France have to play a crucial role in strengthening the European Union in these currently challenging times.

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22 March 2017

German Finance Ministry establishes Fintech Council

Digital technologies are spreading rapidly in the financial sector. Innovations in information and communications technology are enabling new types of business models, transforming value chains and creating new distribution channels for financial services. This is leading to both opportunities and challenges for society, politics and business.

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13 March 2017

Shaping an interconnected world

To commemorate Germany's G20 presidency, the Federal Ministry of Finance issued a special-edition postage stamp. The stamp depicts a reef knot, which Germany selected as the logo for its G20 presidency. The special edition stamp has a value of 70 cents and entered circulation on 1 March 2017. It is available for purchase at Deutsche Post retail outlets.

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27 January 2017

Federal cabinet approves royalty restrictions to combat tax planning

On 25 January 2017, the German government approved a bill to combat harmful tax practices in connection with the assignment of rights. The aim is to stop multinational companies from using royalty payments to shift their profits to countries with special preferential regimes (known as patent box, license box or IP box regimes) that are not in line with the requirements developed by the BEPS project of the OECD and the G20.

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21 December 2016

Modifications to rules on residential mortgage lending

On 21 December 2016, the federal cabinet adopted a draft bill to, firstly, supplement financial supervision law pertaining to measures to prevent risks to financial system stability and, secondly, modify national legislation implementing the EU Mortgage Credit Directive. The bill is called the *Finanzaufsichtsrechtergänzungsgesetz* ("Act Supplementing Financial Supervision Law").

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14 December 2016

Queen Máxima visits the Finance Ministry

On 14 December 2016, Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble received Queen Máxima of the Netherlands at the Federal Ministry of Finance. Her Royal Highness visited the Ministry in her functions as the UN Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development and the Honorary Patron of the Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion.

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5 November 2015

2016 federal budget with no new debt thanks to 2015 surplus

Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble presented the results of the latest tax revenue estimates in Berlin on 5 November 2015. "The Federation, Länder and local authorities can expect higher tax revenues in coming years" stated Minister Schäuble during the press conference.

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28 October 2015

Basic bank accounts in Germany

Under new legislation, all credit institutions that offer payment services to the public will be required to offer and operate basic bank accounts.

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2 September 2015

German cabinet adopts legislation to join Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

The German government has adopted draft legislation that will enable Germany to join the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). The AIIB will have 57 founding members, including 14 EU member states and three additional European countries. Other non-Asian founding members include Brazil, Egypt and South Africa.

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15 July 2015

German government presses forward with fight against tax evasion

On 15 July 2015, the federal cabinet adopted two draft bills that will enable Germany to exchange financial account information in tax matters automatically with other EU member states and non-EU countries from 2017 onwards. Germany is one of the countries that has taken the lead in pressing for comprehensive international cooperation in the area of taxes.

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