IAFEI Weekly Update

Knowledge, Resources, News, and Announcements

Valued All IAFEI Board members, ExCom members & Advisory Committee members:

This is an issue of **IAFEI Weekly Update** for the week of **April 6, 2026**.

My heartfelt thanks go to Conchita (CLM), Piergiorgio (PGV), Oba san, and Nobu (NTA) for their continued support and for consistently recommending various kinds of content to the editorial team.

Please feel free to circulate this Weekly Update within your organization. I am hoping that this Weekly Update may increase the value of IAFEI membership. If you have any suggestions, or recommendations, or would like to participate to provide articles, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continuous support and I would love to hear from you.

Tsutomu Mannari (TMA)
Chairman of IAFEI

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Upcoming Events (Tentative)

Date	Time	Event
Apr.		**IAFEI Quarterly #61 Issue**
Apr. 20 (Mon)	**2PM Hanoi, 3PM Beijing/Manila/Taiwan, 4PM Tokyo, 9AM CET**	GLOBAL CFO Round e-Table **Global Governance and International Tax** Critical Issues for CFOs Speakers **Piergiorgio Valente** Area President EMEA, IAFEI **Ruston Tambunan** President, AOTCA Asia-Oceania Tax Consultants Association (Indonesia) **Andrea Borroni** Professor of Comparative Law (Italy/Georgia)
May. 12 (Tue)	**6PM Hanoi, 7PM Beijing/Manila/Taiwan, 8PM Tokyo, 1PM CET**	**Q2 Ex Com Meeting**
Mid Jun.		**Technical Committee Webinar**
End Jul.		**IAFEI Quarterly #62 Issue**
Aug. 3 (Mon)	**6PM Hanoi, 7PM Beijing/Manila/Taiwan, 8PM Tokyo, 1PM CET**	**Q3 Ex Com Meeting**
End Aug.		**Technical Committee Webinar**
Mid Oct.		**IAFEI DAY**
Nov. 10 (Tue)	**6PM Hanoi, 7PM Beijing/Manila/Taiwan, 8PM Tokyo, 12 PM CET**	**Q4 Ex Com Meeting + BOD Meeting**
Dec. 10 (Thu)		**IAFEI Quarterly #63 Issue**

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SELECTED CONTENT & EDITORS' PICKS

01 BUSINESSEUROPE | Headlines | March 26, 2026

Closing Europe's Investment Gap: What the European Competitiveness Fund Must Deliver

Yesterday evening, together with MEPs Christian Ehler and Dan Nica, we co-hosted a discussion at the European Parliament on "The European Competitiveness Fund: how to boost competitiveness and investments in Europe?" (… …)

Episode 7 of our podcast is out!

Our Senior Legal Adviser Elena Bertolotto explores the challenges, global landscape, and policy changes needed to strengthen Europe's intellectual property framework. IP is at the heart of Europe's competitiveness, a key driver of how companies turn innovation into real economic value. Yet Europe still faces fragmentation, uncertainty, and growing pressure from faster-moving global competitors. (… …)

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02 BUSINESSEUROPE | Headlines | March 19, 2026

Tripartite Social Summit: Discussing investment for a vibrant economy and quality jobs

President Fredrik Persson and Director General Markus J. Beyrer, together with our members from Cyprus, Ireland and Lithuania, joined European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, European Council President António Costa, Executive Vice-President Roxana Mînzatu, the President of the Republic of Cyprus Nikos Christodoulides, and EU social partners at the Tripartite Social Summit yesterday. (… …)

Priorities for the WTO Ministerial Conference

Ahead of the 14th WTO Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organisation, taking place from 26–29 March in Cameroon, we are publishing a new paper setting out our priorities and key messages. In this video, Sofia Bournou and Elisabeth Schiller explain why delivering meaningful outcomes will be essential to strengthen the multilateral trading system and ensure it works for businesses. (… …)

Cutting the Clutter: Proposals to reduce regulatory burden for business

Yesterday, the European business community took an important step to support a more competitive, investment friendly Europe. BusinessEurope and partner business associations created a new joint gateway, offering a single access point to concrete, evidence based proposals from across the European business community. Each organisation's logo links directly to its own recommendations, ensuring visibility while respecting the diversity of views among signatories. Our shared aim: to contribute to a longer term, more impactful EU agenda on better regulation, simplification, and competitiveness; one that supports jobs, investment, and Europe's economic resilience (… …)

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03 Asian Development Bank (ADB) | ADB Update | April 2, 2026

New Support Package to Help Asia and Pacific Mitigate Impacts from Conflict in the Middle East

As conflict in the Middle East continues, we are stepping up to **help mitigate the economic and financial impacts** for the region. On 24 March, we announced a financial support package for our developing member countries covering fast-disbursing budget support and expanded trade and supply chain finance to secure the import of essential goods.

The package draws on two key instruments: the Countercyclical Support Facility, to help governments stabilize their economies and protect the most vulnerable, and the Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program, to keep critical goods moving. We are already in active discussions with affected governments and stand ready to scale up as needs evolve. (… …)

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS | Conflict in the Middle East Prolonged Disruptions from Middle East Conflict Could Choke Growth and Spur Inflation in Asia and the Pacific

Our new research **maps three scenarios** for how the conflict could ripple through Asia and the Pacific. Under a prolonged disruption, the region could see growth fall by up to 1.3 percentage points and inflation rise by as much as 3.2 percentage points over 2026–2027.

The impacts would be felt unevenly: Southeast Asia and the Pacific face the sharpest growth setbacks, while South Asian economies are most exposed to inflationary pressure. Across all scenarios, the transmission channels are the same: higher energy prices, trade and supply chain disruptions, and tighter financial conditions. **Read the full brief** on our website. (… …)

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04 OECD | Stats Flash | April 3, 2026

New OECD-UNSD data release strengthens open evidence on multinational enterprises

Multinational enterprises play a major role in the global economy. The OECD-UNSD Multinational Enterprise Information Platform helps map their complex structures and cross border networks more clearly. The latest release adds new indicators on employees, revenue, profit and R&D, expands data sources, and introduces pilot AI tools to enhance analysis and usability. (… …)

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05 OECD | Stats Flash | April 3, 2026
Transport & insurance margins back to pre-pandemic levels

New OECD estimates show the global trade weighted average CIF/FOB margin fell to 4.5% in 2024, down from a 5.4% peak in 2022 after the COVID 19 surge. The updated International Transport and Insurance Costs (ITIC) database provides CIF/FOB margins – freight and insurance costs as a share of goods' value – by country and detailed HS4 products, addressing the long standing lack of granular data by combining the largest cross country collection of official margins with model estimates.

Paired with the interactive OECD ITIC Dashboard, the dataset offers a powerful tool for analysing trade costs by product and partner and deepening understanding of global value chains. (… …)

Explore the Dashboard >>>
Access the Dataset >>>

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06 OECD | Stats Flash | April 3, 2026
Why measure children's subjective well-being?

Children who report higher life satisfaction are more likely to engage and perform better in learning, form stronger relationships, and experience greater well being as adults. By measuring their subjective well-being we can better understand how children perceive their lives and environments.

The WISE Centre's new policy insights brief outlines the importance of subjective well-being measures for children and provides methodologies and recommendations for data collection to help design meaningful and policy-relevant measures. (… …)

Read the Brief >>>

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07 OECD | Tax News | April 2, 2026
New workshop series on transfer pricing simplification for African countries

The African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) and the OECD have completed a new series of joint workshops to support the implementation of Amount B, a simplified approach to transfer pricing, across the African region.

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