

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has appointed Pascal Saint-Amans as director of the Centre for Tax Policy and Administration (CTP).

Saint-Amans, a French national, joined the OECD in September 2007 as head of the International Cooperation and Tax Competition Division in the CTPA. He was responsible for the OECD's work on harmful tax practices, money laundering and tax crimes, the tax aspects of countering bribery of foreign officials and administrative cooperation between tax authorities.

He played a key role in the advancement of the OECD tax transparency agenda in the context of the G20. In October 2009 he was appointed head of the Global Forum Division, created to service the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, a programme with the participation of over 100 countries.

Prior to joining the OECD, Saint-Amans worked at the Direction Générale des Impôts (DGI) of the Ministry of Finance in Paris, where he was in charge of following the European Union work on direct taxes, the legislation on wealth tax, mergers and spin offs, as well as, tax treaty negotiations and mutual agreement procedures.

He was also a French delegate to the WP1 of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs, before being elected Chair of that group in 2005. He was a member of the United Nations Group of experts on international tax co-operation, and a rapporteur in 2006.

His last position in the DGI was deputy director in charge of litigation. Saint-Amans also served as financial director of the Energy Regulation Committee between 1999 and 2002 and was responsible for the introduction of new electricity tariffs in France.

Saint-Amans, who holds a BA in History and a degree from the Institut d'études politiques of Paris, take up his duties on 01 February 2012 upon the retirement of the present incumbent Jeffrey Owens.