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 Information
- 1. Within the framework of the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement (MCAA), the Independent Authority of Public Revenues (*AAΔE*) issued Circular A. 1181/2020 which updates the list of jurisdictions for automatic exchange of CRS information.
- 2. The following jurisdictions are added to the list:

Jurisdiction	Reporting Year 2018	Reporting Year 2019
Saint Lucia	Х	X
Turkey		Х

3. The following jurisdictions are also included in the list of Participating Jurisdictions for 2019 under Table D with regard to compliance with reporting and due diligence rules:

Jurisdiction	
Brunei	

Dominica
Ghana
Niue
Turkey

 All jurisdictions included in Tables A, B, C and D of Decision POL. 1137/2017 are considered as Participating Jurisdictions for the purposes of the implementation of the reporting and due diligence rules.

B. Super Deduction on R&D Expenses and Incentives to Angel Investors

- By way of Circular E. 2136/2020, the Independent Authority of Public Revenues notified the provisions of Law 4172/2020 regarding the super deduction of R&D expenses and tax incentives for Angel Investors.
- 2. R&D expenses enjoy a super deduction of 100% from the gross revenues of legal entities, with the realization of such expenses being verified by Certified Auditors. The Audit Standards for the verification of R&D expenses by Certified Auditors will be determined by way of a Joint Ministerial Decision of the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Development and Investments.
- 3. Angel investors (natural persons contributing to companies registered in the National Registry of Startups) are entitled to deduct an amount equal to 50% of their contribution from their taxable income in the tax year in which the contribution was made. This deduction applies to contributions up to €300,000 per tax year and for investments in a maximum of three different startups of no more than €100,000 per legal entity.

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