



INVITATION LETTER

IOTA Forum on Combating VAT Fraud
“VAT fraud cases: early detection and prevention”

11-12 June 2025
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Hybrid Event)

To Principal Contact Persons of IOTA

Budapest, 17 April 2025

Invitation to IOTA Forum on Combating VAT Fraud

Dear Colleagues,

The Intra-European Organisation of Tax Administrations (IOTA) organises the meeting of the **IOTA Forum on Combating VAT Fraud** which is hosted by the Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina on **11-12 June 2025** in a hybrid format allowing participants to join the sessions either in person in **Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**, or virtually.

The main theme for the 2025 Forum is ‘*VAT fraud cases: early detection and prevention*’.

The purpose of this year’s Forum will be to identify new VAT fraud trends (in goods and services/intangibles) as well as to exchange knowledge and expertise on real VAT fraud cases where early detection tools/strategies (e.g. use of new data from e-invoicing, online platforms, payment data) played a decisive role to prevent fraud and safeguard revenue.

International partner organisations (European Commission’s DG TAXUD, OECD) as well as international enforcement agencies (EUROPOL, EPPO and OLAF) will contribute to the Forum discussion by sharing their experience on some of the Forum’s agenda topics.

Further information about the structure and content of the event can be found in the [Background Note](#). Detailed information about the accommodation and venue, financial conditions, as well as other practical aspects of the event, can be found in the [Practical Information](#).

We are pleased to invite **one delegate** from each IOTA member tax administration to participate in the Forum in person.

However, tax administrations may nominate additional delegate(s) at their own expense. Due to the overall participation limit, once all registrations have been collected, the IOTA Secretariat will confirm the participation of the additional delegate(s) on a first-come, first-served basis. The costs associated with the participation of additional delegate(s) must be covered by the sending administration.

Furthermore, there is **no limit** to the number of participants who wish to attend the sessions of the IOTA Forum online.





Each participating tax administration is required to complete and submit **one Country Profile before 9 May 2025**, briefly describing their experience and their country's situation regarding the Forum's specific topics. Additionally, delegates are asked to identify and list any specific question, problem or solution they would like to be addressed during the Forum's meeting. **More details about how to access the online [Country Profile](#) can be found in the [Background Note](#).**

Registration of the delegates from your administration who will be attending the Forum either in person or virtually will be possible through the [online registration form](#) **by 9 May 2025**. Further details about the registration process are provided in the Practical Information document. Please be aware that, in the event, we receive your registration after the deadline, the Organisation will not be able to guarantee accommodation or other items of a logistical nature. Nevertheless, it is planned that this event will be recorded and made available for watching "on-demand" through [the dedicated event's webpage on the IOTA web portal](#).

Participants attending the Forum meeting virtually should read [the Joining Instructions for Microsoft Teams](#).

Delegates attending this event will be experts specialising in the VAT fraud issues within their tax administrations, including tax auditors, investigators and legal experts.

The Forum meeting will be conducted **in English**, the working language of the Organisation.

All information and documents relating to this event can be found on [the dedicated webpage of the Forum](#) on the IOTA website.

Should you have any questions about this IOTA event, you can contact the following members of the IOTA Secretariat:

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We look forward to welcoming your participant(s) at the next meeting of the IOTA Forum on Combating VAT Fraud in Sarajevo!

Yours sincerely,

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