



INVITATION LETTER

IOTA Digital Workshop “Use of Alternative Payment Systems in Cross-Border VAT Fraud Schemes”

11-12 March 2026
Digital Event via Microsoft Teams

To: IOTA Principal Contact Persons of IOTA member countries

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Invitation to the IOTA Digital Workshop “Use of Alternative Payment Systems in Cross-Border VAT Fraud Schemes”

Dear Colleagues,

The Intra-European Organisation of Tax Administrations (IOTA) is organising a **digital workshop** on “*Use of Alternative Payment Systems in Cross-Border VAT Fraud Schemes*”, which will be **broadcast live via Microsoft Teams** on **11–12 March 2026**.

This IOTA workshop aims to bring together tax officers and analytical specialists to improve the detection and disruption of cross-border VAT fraud that exploits Alternative Payment Systems (APs).

Building on the [IOTA Report published on the IOTA website in November 2025](#), the event will spark an ongoing exchange among member tax administrations about APS misuse and initiate sustained technical and operational cooperation.

The workshop will focus on:

- Use the IOTA report as a conversation starter to deepen collective understanding of how APSs are used in cross-border VAT fraud.
- Encourage ongoing exchange of case experience, red flags and technical approaches between IOTA members.
- Share good practices (e.g. Bank Audit File, KNIME workflows, red-flags, weighting matrix) and agree on practical next steps for cooperation in order to strengthen capabilities to collect, standardise and analyse transactional data from new payment solutions.

For detailed information about the structure and content of the event, please refer to the [Background Note](#) and [draft Agenda](#).

Participants are strongly encouraged to read the above-mentioned IOTA Report in advance, as it will help maximise the value of this event and provide a solid basis for deeper discussion.





Delegates attending this event will be officials from IOTA member tax administrations, such as tax officers, data analysts and IT experts specialised in the detection and prevention of VAT fraud, involving transaction monitoring and payment-rail analysis, particularly for APSs.

The workshop will be conducted through a mix of presentations, Q&A sessions, and group discussions.

The group discussion sessions will provide participants with the opportunity to share their approaches on the following topics:

- Day 1: Understanding APS risks and identification; and
- Day 2: Data & tools, and practical analysis – Turning analysis into action.

There is no limit to the number of participants from each tax administration. However, registration is mandatory and must be completed by **2 March 2026** using the IOTA e-registration form available on the IOTA web portal. Delegates who wish to actively participate in the group discussion session by sharing experiences, views, or insights must indicate this in the registration form.

A Microsoft Teams access link will be sent via email by the IOTA Secretariat to the registered participants a few days prior to the event. Please note that registrations received after the deadline cannot guarantee a place in the workshop. However, the event will be recorded and made available for on-demand viewing on the IOTA website (accessible only to registered users).

The workshop will be conducted in English, the working language of the Organisation.

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) to this IOTA Digital Workshop!

Yours sincerely,

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