



INVITATION LETTER

IOTA Forum on Combating VAT Fraud “VAT Fraud Cases in Import and Export”

6-7 May 2026
Tbilisi, Georgia (Hybrid Event)

To Principal Contact Persons of IOTA

Budapest, 13 March 2026

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 Revenue Service, the Ministry of Finance of Georgia, on **6-7 May 2026** in a hybrid format allowing participants to join the sessions either in person in **Tbilisi, Georgia**, or virtually.

The main theme for the 2026 Forum is ‘*VAT Fraud Cases in Import and Export*’.

The purpose of this year’s Forum will be to identify new and emerging VAT fraud trends across goods, services and intangibles, and to exchange knowledge and expertise on real VAT fraud cases involving import and export activities (e.g. fictitious exports, VAT fraud schemes facilitated by intermediaries, exports to embargoed countries, importation of low-value goods, and sales via e-commerce platforms originating from third countries), together with the detection methods applied, including the use of IT and AI tools.

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

Upon request and subject to the availability of accommodation in the hotel, **participation of an additional delegate might be granted** on a first-come, first-served basis closer to the deadline for registration. **Further details about the financial conditions of in-person participation are provided in the Practical Information document.**

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

IOTA member tax administrations are invited to register their delegates, who will be attending the Forum either in person or virtually, **as soon as possible** through the [online](#)





[registration form](#). The deadline for registration is Monday, 13 April 2026. Further details about the registration process are provided in the Practical Information document. Please be aware that, in the event that 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](#).

Each participating tax administration must complete and submit one Country Profile by 13 April 2026, 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 questions, problems, or solutions 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](#).**

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 Tbilisi!

Yours sincerely,

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