IOTA Workshop

"Use of Modern Analytical Techniques and IT Solutions to Identify Organised Tax and VAT Fraud"

11 - 12 November 2026
Sofia, Bulgaria

GROUP DISCUSSION SESSION 1

Reflections on Analytical Practices and Case Studies

Wednesday, 11 November 2026 | 15.20 – 16.50 EET

Aim of the Discussion

This session aims to reflect on the presentations and case studies from Day 1, share practical experiences, identify transferable analytical practices, and discuss how tax administrations can overcome technical and organisational challenges to improve the detection of organised tax and VAT fraud.

Format

The session is intended as a facilitated group discussion. The delegates will be split into three discussion groups. The composition of groups can be found below in this document. The groups will have designated breakout rooms.

The moderator will be responsible for facilitating the discussion. Moderators are not expected to be subject-matter experts or to have answers to every question. Their role is to guide the conversation, encourage active participation from all group members, and contribute their own questions and perspectives where appropriate. Every delegate should be encouraged to participate and share their views. Each group will also have a note-taker.

A laptop will be provided to each group to prepare a short summary of the key discussions, findings, and observations. These summaries will be presented during the feedback session on Day 2 and subsequently uploaded to the event's webpage on the IOTA web portal after the workshop.

Required Input and Timing

Total time: 1h 30m

- Moderator explains the aim of the group session (5 minutes)

- Group discussion (70 minutes):
    1. *Which analytical methods, IT solutions, or operational practices presented today have the greatest potential to be applied in your administration, and why?*
    2. *What are the main barriers your administration faces in detecting organised tax and VAT fraud (e.g. data availability, technology, skills, governance, or legislation), and how could these challenges be addressed?*
    3. *What practical lessons or good practices from the case studies could be adapted to your national context, and what would be required to implement them successfully?*

- Summary and finalising presentation (15 minutes)

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GROUP DISCUSSION SESSION 2

Shaping Future Work and Collaboration

Thursday, 12 November 2026 | 13.30 – 15.00 EET

Aim of the Discussion

The aim of this session is to explore how tax administrations can leverage emerging technologies, data sources, and collaborative approaches to strengthen fraud detection capabilities, while addressing governance, legal, and operational challenges and preparing for future threats.

Format

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Required Input and Timing

Total time: 1h 30m

- Moderator explains the aim of the group session (5 minutes)

- Group discussion (70 minutes):

1. *What steps are needed to successfully transform analytical concepts, pilot projects, and innovative ideas into sustainable operational tools and workflows that support the detection of organised tax and VAT fraud?*
2. *What are the most common challenges your administration faces when implementing analytical solutions, particularly in relation to data access, IT infrastructure, skills, governance, and organisational change?*
3. *How can tax administrations strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation to enhance fraud detection, including the sharing of methodologies, tools, technical expertise, training, and collaboration between analysts, IT specialists, investigators, and auditors?*

- Summary and finalising presentation (15 minutes)

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GROUP COMPOSITION

Please note: Participants will remain <u>in the same discussion groups</u> for both sessions on Day 1 and Day 2 to ensure continuity of discussions and facilitate deeper exchange of experiences and perspectives.

Group 1 - GREEN (Breakout Room: "Madrid" - mezzanine floor)				
1	Aritjon	Peri	Albania	Moderator
2	Dan	Oosthuizen	Ireland	Note-taker
3	Kubra	Yusifzada	Azerbaijan	
4	Petar	Tsankov	Bulgaria	
5	Boryana	Yankova-Sharkova	Bulgaria	
6	RUMEN	Milanov	Bulgaria	
7	Marie	Christoudia	Cyprus	
8	Otso	Rantanen	Finland	
9	Akaki	Chkhaidze	Georgia	
10	John	McCormack	Ireland	
11	Michel	Wang	Luxembourg	
12	Elias	Westgaard	Norway	
13	Hwanhee	Park	Republic of Korea	
14	Seungjoo	Lee	Republic of Korea	
15	Nikola	Maričić	Republic of Srpska (BiH)	
16	Luis	Soto	Spain	
17	Jesper	Lundin	Sweden	

Group 2 - YELLOW (Breakout Room: "Rome" - mezzanine floor)				
1	Sara	Cattarin	Italy	Moderator
2	Martin Iver	Jacobsen	Norway	Note-taker
3	Kevin	Allaraj	Albania	
4	Milica	Vidovic	Bosnia and Herzegovina (ITA)	
5	Ivan	Nedyalkov	Bulgaria	
6	Milena	Tsvetkova	Bulgaria	
7	Veljko	Palasek	Croatia	
8	Jüri	Kivimäe	Estonia	
9	Hai Cheng	Tao	France	
10	Csaba	Bóta	Hungary	
11	Diarmuid	Farrelly	Ireland	
12	Serge	Hollerich	Luxembourg	
13	HWANGHUI	LEE	Republic of Korea	
14	Haewook	JUNG	Republic of Korea	
15	Alisher	Jumanazarov	Republic of Uzbekistan	
16	Rafael	Padilla	Spain	
17	Niklaus	Fankhauser	Switzerland	

Group 3 - BLUE (Breakout Room: "New York" - on the 9th floor)				
1	Marina	Marinelic	Croatia	Moderator
2	Bryan	Foulger	United Kingdom	Note-taker
3	Orald	Lani	Albania	
4	Iliya	Ilyov	Bulgaria	
5	Annie	Rusinova	Bulgaria	
6	Petya	Staneva	Bulgaria	
7	Risto	Kailio	Finland	
8	Salome	Lutidze	Georgia	
9	Ramóna	Györkös	Hungary	
10	Christopher	Kelly	Ireland	
11	Serge	Faber	Luxembourg	
12	Jack Willy	Oslen	Norway	
13	Wiesław	Lis	Poland	
14	Ion	Caraman	Republic of Moldova	
15	Catalin	Florea	Romania	
16	Robert	Turzo	Sweden	