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EU e-invoicing and e-reporting overview

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- > Paper invoice: default rule for any type of transaction
- > e-Invoice:
 - voluntary for B2B and B2C (only upon acceptance by customer, no mandatory format – e.g. eMail, EDI, invoice is provided with a qualified electronic signature/seal)
 - > mandatory for B2G (via the Austrian business service portal USP E-Rechnung.gv.at or PEP-POL)

E-Invoicing in the future

> Currently extensive discussions, no changes planned

Digital reporting *today*

 No electronic reporting obligation of transaction data to tax authorities besides VAT return and EC-sales list

Digital reporting in the future

> Currently extensive discussions, no changes planned



- > Paper or (non-structured) electronic invoice: default rule for any type of transaction.
- > e-Invoice:
 - Voluntary for B2B and B2C (only upon acceptance by customer, no mandatory format)
 - Mandatory for B2G (public contracts)

E-Invoicing in the future

- Issuing e-invoices for B2B transactions will be mandatory from 1 January 2026.
- e-Invoice: Obligation for B2B transactions when issuer is established in Belgium and customer (established or not) is obliged to communicate his Belgian VAT number. VATexempt transactions (Art. 132 EU VAT Directive) are excluded.
- > Format: PEPPOL-BIS, parties may agree on another format if they correspond with the EN 16931 requirements.

Digital reporting today

 No periodical reporting obligation of transaction data to tax authorities besides VAT return, EC-sales list and Annual Sales Listing.

Digital reporting in the future

Although the explanatory memorandum to the law introducing the e-Invoicing obligation refers to the crucial step of adopting e-Invoicing in the implementation of digital reporting, specific digital reporting obligations of transaction data are yet to be announced.



- > Right to choose between paper invoice and electronic invoice.
- > Electronic invoice:
 - > Not mandatory for B2B or B2C supplies;
 - Electronic invoicing must be explicitly or tacitly accepted by the customer;
 - > Any business controls creating a reliable audit trail are acceptable, qualified electronic signature and EDI are mentioned as one of the example technologies.

E-Invoicing in the future

- > In 2021 the transition to electronic invoicing was put up for discussion by the Bulgarian tax authorities to the business but the project never came to fruition.
- > Currently there is no draft legislation on e-invoicing.

Digital reporting today

- Monthly VAT returns are filed together with VAT listings of all input and output supplies through the monthly period reported on a transactional basis. The VAT listings contain invoice number, date, the name and VAT number of the issuer/customer, a description of the supply and its tax treatment.
- VAT returns, VIES and Intrastat returns are filed only electronically by registered persons.

- A pilot project for SAF-T reporting is currently under way although there is no specific time schedule for its implementation. When implemented, SAF-T reporting will be first applied by large taxpayers and will then gradually encompass all taxpayers.
- Currently there is no draft legislation on SAF-T or digital reporting.





- > Paper invoice: default rule for any type of transaction
- > e-Invoice:
 - voluntary for B2B and B2C (only upon acceptance by customer)
 - > mandatory for B2G
 - > the European Standard on elnvoicing (EN) is fully implemented in Croatia
 - > the Croatian government recommends the use of the OASIS UBL 2.1 syntax for B2G public procurement (the Cross-Industry Invoice (CII) is accepted as an alternative)
 - since 2019, all state beneficiaries receive and send e-invoices through PEPPOL Network (sending e-invoices via Peppol network is in compliance with the European standard on elnvoicing (EN 16931) and PEPPOL BIS Billing 3.0 specification)

E-Invoicing in the future

- Mandatory for B2B transactions as of 2025 when parties resident in Croatia
- Reporting directly to the Croatian Tax Administration regarding the B2G segment
- Integrated e-archive service

Digital reporting today

- > The communication with the Croatian Tax Administration is in general done electronically using the e-Porezna (*e-Tax Administration*) online portal
- > VAT return, EC Sales List, EC Acquisition List, Register of Purchase Invoices and Intrastat are submitted electronically

Digital reporting in the future

 Project Fiscalization 2.0 includes the implementation of realtime VAT reporting feature, and accessible and simple online accounting

> E-invoicing mandatory for B2G transactions

E-Invoicing in the future

- E-invoicing will become mandatory for B2B transactions from 1 July 2024 (standard bookkeeping systems and specially made bookkeeping systems)
- > In 2026, E-invoicing will become mandatory for personally owned businesses, where the commercial net turnover in each of the two latest fiscal years (2024 and 2025) exceeded 300,000 DKK

Digital reporting *today*

- > Requirement of tax audit reporting via the SAF-T-format
- Currently no CTC clearance model for compliance with the ViDA Directive

Digital reporting in the future

> Models for VAT clearance are being explored



- Since 1 April 2020, all companies and public organizations can request an electronic invoice from their suppliers.
 Exceptions: Not applicable when turnover is less than 10.000 euros or the company conducts B2C business only.
- > The State of Finland receives e-invoices only.
- > Accepted formats: TEAPPSXML 3.0, Finvoice 3.0, UBL, CII
- > The Finnish Information Society Development Centre (TIEKE) maintains a registry of companies that have implemented e-invoicing.

E-Invoicing in the future

> The Finnish national legislation is expected to be amended on the basis of the ViDA Directive.

Digital reporting today

- Current VAT return in Finland is narrow in content and does not provide a clear picture of the company's operations.
- > Electronic filing of VAT return preferably via MyTax, which is the electronic portal of the Finnish Tax Administration.
- Filing on paper is allowed only in exceptional cases.

Digital reporting in the future

- Intended to enter in to force 2028 (intended alignment with ViDA dates)
- > The Finnish Tax Administration is a participant in a project called "Real-Time Economy Project". This project aims to build a national digital ecosystem for enterprises compatible with similar systems in other Nordic countries. The ecosystem would allow seamless, real-time and secure transmission of orders, e-invoices, digital sales receipts and business information between corporations of all sizes. No timeline for this so far.

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- E-Invoicing mandatory for B2G transactions since January 2017
- E-invoicing voluntary for B2B (only upon acceptance by customer, no mandatory format)

E-Invoicing in the future

- Obligation to receive e-invoicing will apply from 1st September 2026, regardless of the size of the company
- Obligation to issue e-invoicing will become mandatory for domestic transactions between VAT liable persons established in France between September 2026 and no later than December 2027
- > Companies will be able to connect directly to the public portal, or via private platforms.
- > Format: CII, UBL, Factur-X (BASIC, BASIC WL, EN 16931, EXTENDED, EXTENDED FR B2B). Semantic format: standard EN16931

Digital reporting today

No electronic reporting obligation of transaction data to tax authorities besides VAT return and FC-sales list

- > In the same time frame as for e-invoicing, e-reporting shall take place over the public platform or through private platforms.
- > This applies for non-domestic B2B transactions, B2C transactions, and transaction payment data.





Germany (contact: Nils Bleckmann; nils.Bleckmann@wts.de)

E-Invoicing *today*

- > Paper invoice: default rule for any type of transaction
- > e-Invoice:
 - voluntary for B2B and B2C (only upon acceptance by customer, no mandatory format – e.g. eMail, EDI or ZUGFeRD acceptable)
 - mandatory for B2G (specific format -,,XRechnung")

E-Invoicing in the future

- > Changes planned as of 01.01.2025 (Draft Act)
- e-Invoice: default for B2B transactions when parties resident in Germany (specific VAT-exempt transactions excluded)
- Format: generally EN 16931, parties may agree on other format (if data extraction suitable for EN 16931 requirements)
- > Staged simplifications for implementation

Digital reporting today

 No electronic reporting obligation of transaction data to tax authorities besides VAT return and EC-sales list

Digital reporting in the future

- Changes intended as of 2028 (intended alignment with ViDA dates)
- Additional reporting to tax authorities:
 - > for each individual transaction
 - besides ViDA obligations also for domestic transactions (scope of the mandatory e-Invoicing for B2B-supplies in Germany)
- > Format: not yet defined

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- > Right to choose between paper invoice and electronic invoice. Paper invoicing is practically limited to single entry books with up to 50 invoices and turnover of 30 thousands euros annually.
- For B2B and B2C (only upon acceptance by customer), no mandatory format; e.g. XML, PDF.
- > Among others, electronic signature and EDI qualify the authenticity of origin and integrity of content.
- Mandatory for B2G (public contracts) with specific structure based on the European Standards. Performed only through certified e-Invoicing service providers.
- > Applied gradually to all administrative bodies.

E-Invoicing in the future

- Discussions with the European Commission to obtain the necessary approvals for the introduction of mandatory electronic invoicing for all B2B and B2C transactions.
- > Issuing e-invoices for B2G transactions will be mandatory to all administrative bodies as of January 2025.

Digital reporting today

- Mandatory online/real time reporting of invoice data as of 01.01.2024
- Invoices should be marked with a two-dimensional matrix (QR code) including a link for direct access to IAPR's database
- VAT returns and corporate income tax returns are prepared by IAPR and can be modified by taxpayers
- Reconciliations by taxpayers should be performed
- E- invoicing service providers for B2G transaction should transmit online invoice data to IAPR

Digital reporting in the future

- > VAT Returns and Corporate Income Tax Returns will not be modifiable. Currently differences in VAT returns of more than 30% are not acceptable.
- > Shipping documents should be transmitted to IAPR (Pilot implementation during 2024).
- Retail transactions (B2C) data issued via electronic tax mechanism would be transmitted online to IAPR (expected from March 2024)

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- > Paper invoice: default rule for any type of transaction
- > e-Invoice:
 - voluntary (only upon acceptance by customer, no mandatory format – e.g. e-mail, EDI or other digital forwarding)
 - Scanned invoice sent electronically also qualifies
 - › Digital archiving requirements have to be met on both sides

E-Invoicing in the future

- > No draft available yet with respect to e-invoicing
- > Introduction of e-receipts is planned from 2025

Digital reporting today

- Online real-time invoice data reporting exists
- Invoice data to be sent to tax authority immediately, automatically by the invoicing software, without any human intervention
- Manual invoices to be reported within four days (or next day if VAT exceeds HUF 500,000)
- > Applies almost to all transactions, only limited exceptions
- Cash registers have direct online connection to the tax authority

- Since the application requirement of real-time invoice data reporting is broad, there are no plans for changes
- > Changes are expected about reporting of cash register transactions with the introduction of e-receipts from 2025



Ireland (Aidan García Díaz; aidan.garcia@sabios.ie)

E-Invoicing *today*

- > B2B e-invoicing is not mandatory in Ireland, businesses can issue tax invoices in electronic format subject to certain conditions.
- > Ireland has chosen PEPPOL (Pan European Public Procurement Online) as the method of delivery for e-invoices to the public sector. While B2G e-invoicing in Ireland is not mandatory for businesses, in line with the European Directive 2014/55/EU, public bodies in Ireland must now be able to receive and process electronic invoices.

E-Invoicing in the future

On 10 October 2023, Minister McGrath announced in his Budget Day speech that Revenue would launch a Public Consultation. This Public Consultation focuses on how we can use digital advances to modernise Ireland's VAT Invoicing and Reporting System. This initial consultation covers the reform of B2B and B2G VAT reporting, supported by e-Invoicing. This Public Consultation process will run from 13 October 2023 to 31 January 2024. Revenue will analyse all responses to this Public Consultation.

Digital reporting today

No electronic reporting obligation of transaction data to tax authorities beside VAT registered businesses in Ireland must e-file their VAT returns via the Revenue Online Service (ROS). This e-filing requirement covers:

- > VAT return (Form VAT 3)
- Annual Return of Trading Details (RTD)
- Monthly/quarterly return relating to zero rated supplies for the VAT Information Exchange System (VIES/ECSL)
- > IOSS/OSS
- > Intrastat

Digital reporting in the future

Please see "e-invoicing in the future."



- Paper invoice: default rule for any type of transaction
- > E-Invoice:
 - voluntary for B2B and B2C (only upon acceptance by customer, no mandatory format
 - mandatory for B2G (public entities must be able to receive and process electronic invoices in accordance with the European Standard on e-invoicing (EN-16931).)

E-Invoicing in the future

> Expected changes only in connection with the introduction of ViDA. There are no planned implementations of e-invoicing requirements at the local level yet

Digital reporting today

 No electronic reporting obligation of transaction data to tax authorities besides VAT return and EC-sales list

Digital reporting in the future

> Expected changes only in connection with the introduction of ViDA. There are no planned implementations of digital reporting requirements at the local level yet





- > e-Invoice:
 - mandatory for B2G, B2B and B2C transactions, with few exemptions
 - specific format: XML (eXtensible Markup Language)
 format according to Italian Tax Authorities technical
 instructions

E-Invoicing in the future

> There is no official information about the e-invoice in the future in Italy

Digital reporting today

- In addition to VAT returns and EC listing/Intrastat forms relating to both sales and purchase of goods and services, each single e-invoice has to be transmitted via specific Italian Tax Authorities website/interface – i.e. Interchange System (SdI)
- Additional reporting to tax authorities:
 - Esterometro: electronic reporting obligation of transaction data for cross-border transactions via einvoice format to be transmitted via SdI

Digital reporting in the future

There is no official information about digital reporting in the future in Italy





- > Paper invoice: default rule for any type of transaction
- > e-Invoice:
 - voluntary for B2B and B2C (only upon acceptance by customer)
 - mandatory for B2G (Pan-European Public Procurement On-Line or PEPPOL invoicing specification requirements apply)

E-Invoicing in the future

- Changes planned as of 2025 (drafts of regulation are not yet available)
- Plans: e-Invoices as mandatory in transactions between merchants (B2B)
- > Format: not yet defined

Digital reporting today

- No electronic reporting obligation of transaction data to tax authorities besides VAT return;
- Obligation to submit original invoices or e-invoices during the tax review/audit performed by the Latvian tax authorities

Digital reporting in the future

> No information is available on future proposals by Latvian authorities





- > Paper invoice: default rule for any type of transaction
- > e-Invoice:
 - voluntary for B2B and B2C (only upon acceptance by customer)
 - mandatory for B2G (using electronic portal https://www.esaskaita.eu/)

E-Invoicing in the future

 Currently no information is available on future proposals by Lithuanian tax authorities

Digital reporting today

- Obligations to digitally submit VAT invoice registers, VAT returns, and EC-sales lists.
- Obligation to submit a digital copy of accounting data during tax review/audit by the Lithuanian tax authorities (SAF-T)

Digital reporting in the future

 Currently no information is available on future proposals by Lithuanian tax authorities





- > Paper invoice: default rule for any type of transaction
- > e-Invoice:
 - voluntary for B2B and B2C (only upon acceptance by customer, no mandatory format – e.g. eMail or PDF acceptable)
 - mandatory for B2G (through the use of "Peppol")

Digital reporting today

- No electronic reporting obligation of transaction data to tax authorities besides VAT return and EC-sales list
- Audit file must be provided to the VAT authorities upon request

E-Invoicing in the future

- No dates announced yet but at the latest as of 2028
- > Format: not yet defined

- No dates announced yet but at the latest as of 2028 (intended alignment with ViDA dates)
- > Format: not yet defined



Malta (contact: Silvio Cilia; Silvio@corriericilia.com)

E-Invoicing *today*

>Paper invoice: default rule for any type of transaction >e-Invoice:

- voluntary for B2B and B2C (requires customer consent, structured format e-Invoices must comply with nonstructured format -e.g. email, EDI, scanned copies of paper versions acceptable)
- > mandatory reception in B2G context

E-Invoicing in the future

- Malta transposed the e-invoicing directive in 2018 and promotes the adoption of e-Invoicing by local actors in its Digital Malta national strategy.
- > E-Invoices must be accepted by government authorities. However, there are no planned implementations of mandatory e-invoicing requirements on the local level yet.

Digital reporting today

 No electronic reporting obligation of transaction data to tax authorities besides VAT return and EC-sales list

Digital reporting in the future

> In the VAT context, changes are expected in connection with the eventual introduction of ViDA. There are no planned implementations of digital reporting requirements at the local level yet.





- > E-Invoice:
 - Accepted as a correct VAT invoice for all transactions. Recipient should accept the e-invoice, but is considered to do so if the invoice is processed and paid without comments, i.e. explicit confirmation is not required.
 - > Mandatory for B2G supplies.
 - Definition of e-invoice: invoice that is issued and received in an electronic format. No further formal requirements are stated.

E-Invoicing in the future

> No future changes announced.

Digital reporting today

No electronic reporting obligation of transaction data to tax authorities besides VAT return and EC-sales list.

Digital reporting in the future

> No future changes announced.



- > Paper invoice: default rule for any type of transaction
- e-Invoice (issued and received in any electronic format)
 voluntary for all taxable persons (only upon acceptance by customer; no mandatory format (e.g. PDF is acceptable), formal requirements must be met)
- Structured invoice issued and received through the Polish National e-Invoice System (KSeF) voluntary since January 2022 (only upon acceptance by customer, XML format being in line with a scheme published by the MoF required)

E-Invoicing in the future

- > The introduction of mandatory KSeF was planned for 1 July 2024. However, the implementation has been postponed and no new date has been announced yet (it is expected that the new date will be published in April/May 2024)
- When mandatory KSeF is implemented, structured invoices (in XML format) will become a default rule for most types of transactions

Digital reporting today

- > EC Sales List must be submitted electronically
- Standard Audit File for Tax (SAF-T file) in XML format, which covers VAT registers and VAT-returns, must be submitted electronically on a monthly basis by all taxable persons

Digital reporting in the future

> No proposed changes in this area



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E-Invoicing *today*

- > Mandatory e-invoicing in B2G context beginning in 2021 (PT semantic data model is the standard XML format, called CIUS-PT which meets the requirements of European Norm EN 16931/2017; e-invoices must guarantee the authenticity of their origin and the integrity of their content through: (i) qualified electronic signature/seal; (ii) EDI system; (iii) other procedures that safeguard the authenticity/integrity).
- Optional in B2B and B2C context and dependent on the acceptance of the recipient (XML or PDF format; e-invoices must guarantee the authenticity of their origin and the integrity of their content through: (i) qualified electronic signature/seal; (ii) electronic data exchange system (European EDI type Agreement; (iii) other procedures that safeguard authenticity/integrity).

E-Invoicing in the future

> There is still no forecast for the transition to mandatory B2B and B2C e-invoicing

Digital reporting today

- Resident and non-resident companies with a local VAT registration are required to communicate invoice and other relevant tax documents details to the Portuguese Tax Authority, regardless of their value, in one of the following three ways: (i) electronic transmission of data using a standard structured file based on the Standard Audit File for Tax (SAF-T file); (ii) transmission in real time through webservice; or direct insertion of the data in the Portuguese Tax Authority's website (option available for micro-sized business).
- > This obligation covers all transactions carried out by taxable persons irrespective of market segments (B2C, B2B or B2G) or geographic origin and destination (domestic, intra-EU or extra-EU transactions).

- > Starting in 2025, companies will also be required to submit an annual SAF-T file on accounting data which will then be used for the prefilling of the IES (Simplified Business Information) return.
- > There is still no forecast for the transition to a real-time digital reporting that is in line with the EC's ViDA proposal.





Romania (contact: Florin Gherghel; Florin.Gherghel@ensight.ro)

E-Invoicing *today*

- > From 1 January 2024, invoices for B2B and B2G transactions having the place of supply in Romania must be submitted through RO e-Factura system in a 5-day period (including by non-Romanian companies registered for VAT purposes in Romania).
- e-Invoice must be generated in a specific XML format (with the electronic seal of the Ministry of Finance) and communicated through the private virtual space.
- Only invoices related to specific external deliveries (e.g. exports, intra-community deliveries of goods) are excepted from being sent through e-Invoice system.

E-Invoicing in the future

- > Transition period until June 2024, during which invoices in other formats shall be accepted. Regardless of this, it is mandatory for issuers to report their invoices in the RO efactura system from January 1, 2024.
- Noncompliance penalties will be applied as of 1st of April 2024.

Digital reporting today

- Romanian companies submit electronically 3 VAT returns (1 standard VAT return, 1 VAT return for intra-community transactions, 1 VAT return for Romanian domestic transactions) on a monthly basis (in most of cases)
- > Large and middle-sized taxpayers submit SAFT file on a monthly basis, the other taxpayers will submit SAFT file from 2025.
- RO e-Transport system regarding the monitoring of international transport of goods is applicable starting on 01.01.2024 and the related fines apply from 01.07.2024

Digital reporting in the future

> No information available.



- Paper invoice: default rule for any type of transaction
- > e-Invoice:
 - voluntary for B2B and B2C (only upon acceptance by customer, no mandatory format – e.g. EDI,PDF acceptable)

E-Invoicing in the future

- At the moment no amendments planned, there is no draft legislation at our disposal;
- > The regulations in regard with the E-invoicing, which should have been applicable since 01/01/2024 were not implemented (rules which equalize paper and digital form and rules for no need of consent of customer for receiving digital invoices...)

Digital reporting today

 No electronic reporting obligation of transaction data to tax authorities besides VAT return, Control Statement and ECsales list

Digital reporting in the future

 Changes intended as of 2028 (intended alignment with ViDA dates)



- > Paper invoice: default rule for any type of transaction
- > e-Invoice:
 - voluntary for B2B and B2C (only upon acceptance by customer, no mandatory format – e.g. eMail, EDI or other acceptable)
 - mandatory for B2G (either sent via e-bank or UJPeRačun portal)

E-Invoicing in the future

 No changes foreseen for e-Invoicing other than the implementation of ViDA (i.e. mandatory e-invoicing for intra-Community B2B transactions).

Digital reporting today

- The communication with the Slovenian Financial
 Administration is in general done electronically
- > VAT return, EC Sales List, Intrastat, Inland Recapitulative Statement (all forms) are submitted electronically
- Invoices paid in cash are subject to fiscal verification (i.e. cash registers) via eDavki system of the Slovenian
 Financial Administration

- Changes intended as of 2028 (intended alignment with ViDA dates)
- no draft legislation yet published





- > Paper invoice: default rule for any type of transaction
- > e-Invoice:
 - Voluntary for B2B and B2C (only upon acceptance by customer, no mandatory format – e.g. eMail, EDI or ZUGFeRD acceptable)
 - Mandatory for B2G (specific format "Facturae XML" format
 Platform FACe, since 2015)

E-Invoicing in the future

- > Changes will be mandatory as of 1st July 2025 (companies with a turnover of less than €6,010,121.04), based on "Crea y Crece Law".
- > e-Invoice: default for B2B transactions when parties are residents in Spain (Spanish tax resident, or VAT tax payers)
- > Format: to ensure the interconnection and interoperability of the different invoicing systems, they will be restricted to authorized syntaxes: XML CII; UBL; EDIFACT; Facturae (used nowadays for B2G) All invoices will contain a QR code
- > Staged simplifications for implementation

Digital reporting today

- > VAT return and EC-sales list
- > SII system for keeping registry books through the Tax Authorities Electronic Headquarters (SII). It involves the electronic supply of invoicing records in a short period of time (4 days). It is compulsory for tax payers considered "large companies" (turnover over €6,010,121.04 in the previous year)

- Changes intended as of January 2028 (intended alignment with ViDA dates)
- > Additional reporting to tax authorities:
 - > for each individual transaction
 - besides ViDA obligations also for domestic transactions (scope of the mandatory e-Invoicing for B2B-supplies in Spain)
- > Format: not yet defined



> E-Invoicing is already the norm in many Swedish businesses and government agencies. However, it is not mandatory.

E-Invoicing in the future

> No further actions are expected from the Government in Sweden within the near future.

Digital reporting *today*

- No electronic reporting obligation of transaction data to tax authorities besides VAT return and EC-sales list
- > VAT and EC- sales list may be reported electronically or physically, depending on the choice of the company.

- > There are no official plans for implementation of real-time transactional reporting and the expansion of the OSS/IOSS scheme and platform economy.
- > Generally good support for digital solutions in government and in relation to reporting obligations.





According to the practice of the Swiss Federal Tax Administration (published last year), paper invoices, electronic and digital invoices (e.g. PDF invoices or scanned paper invoices) are treated equally for VAT purposes.

E-Invoicing in the future

> No future changes have yet been announced.

Digital reporting today

As of 1 January 2024, all VAT reporting (registration, submitting of VAT returns, corrections of VAT returns) must be exclusively carried out digitally on the official platform (ePortal) of the Swiss Federal Tax Administration.

Digital reporting in the future

> For taxable persons who were already registered for VAT purposes in Switzerland before 1 January 2024, a one-year transitional period applies with regards to the digital reporting outlined above. The digital reporting obligation comes into force for the persons concerned on 1 January 2025.





- > Suppliers to the NHS (National Health Service) have had to issue e-invoices since March 2022. There is no other requirement in effect in the UK.
- > Businesses that choose to issue e-invoices therefore do so voluntarily, and with the consent of their customers. Where used, businesses need to guarantee the integrity, authenticity, availability and legibility of these documents in the same way that they do for non-electronic invoices.

E-Invoicing in the future

- > The three core components of MTDfV are generally recognised as necessary enabling steps on the journey towards the creation of a digitized tax system, and so future e-invoicing is a possibility.
- > However, there are no firm plans for mandatory invoicing to be introduced in the UK at the time of writing.

Digital reporting today

- There is no real time VAT reporting requirement in effect in the UK.
- However, since April 2022, virtually all VAT-registered businesses have had to comply with the Making Tax Digital for VAT (MTDfV) program. Under these rules, businesses must keep digital records for VAT purposes, have 'digital links' in place throughout the VAT return preparation process and electronically deliver their VAT return information to HMRC.

- > Businesses operating in Northern Ireland may have to adhere to the EU's VAT in the Digital Age ("ViDA") proposals, but this has not yet been confirmed. The rest of the UK will be unaffected.
- > There are other firm plans to introduce digital reporting, beyond the requirements of MTDfV.



		e-Invoicing today		e-Invoicing in the future		Digital reporting					
	Country	Mandatory cases	Voluntary application for other cases	Mandatory cases	Voluntary application for other cases	Mandatory as of today	Format	Transactions in scope	Filing period	Via sepcific website, interface	
1		Only for B2G	(with consent)	Only for B2G	(with consent)	X	X	X	Х	X	
2	Belgium	Only for B2G	(With consent)	As of 2026: B2G and B2B (some exceptions)	(With consent)	X	X	Χ	X	X	
3	Bulgaria	Х	(with consent)	N/A	N/A	VAT returns and VAT listings (on a transaction basis)	TXT	All (B2B, B2C, B2G)	monthly	Via the electronic service portal of the tax authorities	
4	Croatia	only for B2G	(with consent)	Planned as of 2025: B2G and B2B	(with consent)	x	Depending on the type of report	All	Monthly/Qua rterly	Via the electronic service portal of the tax authorities	
5	Czech Republic	only for B2G	(with consent)	Х	(with consent)	X	X	X	Х	X	
6	Denmark	Only B2G	X	Planned as of 2024: (B2G and B2B)	X	X	SAF-T Format	X	X	X	
7	Finland	B2G transactions	Buyer can decide to accept only e-invoices	B2G transactions, B2B mandatory in practise	No timeline available	X	X	X	X	X	
8		only for B2G	(with consent)	Planned as of Sep. 2026	(with consent)	Planned as of Sep. 2026	X	X	X	X	
9	Germany	only for B2G	(with consent)	Planned as of 2025: B2G and B2B (some exceptions)	(with consent)	X	X	Χ	Х	X	
10	Greece	B2G with exceptions	(with consent)	Planned as of January 2025 for all B2G	X	B2B, B2C B2G	Specific Format per type of transaction.	B2B B2C B2G	Real time with invoice issuance	via "MyData" Platform (IAPRS Platform)	
11	Hungary	X	(with consent)	X	(with consent)	+	XML	Most (some exceptions)	Immediately	Machine-to-machine interface / manual invoice via website	
12		No mandatory cases	Yes	X	X	X	×	X	×	×	
13	Italy	for B2G, B2B, B2C, with few exemptions	×	No info	No info	for B2G, B2B, B2C, with few exemptions	XML	supply of goods, provision of services	outgoing transactions: within 12 days; incoming transactions by the 15th of the following month	Interchange System (SdI)	

		e-Invoicing today		e-Invoicing in the future		Digital reporting				
	Country	Mandatory cases	Voluntary application for other cases	Mandatory cases	Voluntary application for other cases	Mandatory as of today	Format	Transactions in scope	Filing period	Via sepcific website, interface
14	Latvia	only for B2G	(with consent)	Planned as of 2025: B2G and B2B	No further details available	Χ	X	×	X	X
15	Lithuania	only for B2G	(with consent)	No changes planned	No changes planned	Χ	X	X	Х	X
16	Luxembourg	only for B2G	(with consent)	No dates set yet	(with consent)	X	X	X	X	X
17	Malta	only for B2G	(with consent)	Planned as of 2025: B2G and B2B (some exceptions)	(with consent)	X	X	Х	Х	X
18	Netherlands	only for B2G	(with acceptance)	No changes announced	(with acceptance)	Χ	X	X	X	X
19	Poland	x	(with consent)	Planned as of 2025: B2B (exception of foreign taxpayers without a FE in Poland)	X	SAF-t file	XML	VAT taxable transactions	monthly	either MoF's application or an external provider's tool
20	Portugal	Only for B2G	B2B/B2C (dependent on the acceptance of the recipient)	B2B (no forecast)	B2C (dependent on the acceptance of the recipient)	Communication of invoice and other relevant tax documents	XML	All	5th of the month following their issue	Three options available (see slide)
21	Romania	For B2B and B2G	No	Already implemented	No information	Yes	XML with seal of Min. of Finance	Please see slide	Monthly / Quartelry	Yes
22	Slovakia	N/A	With consent	Not yet clear - no draft legislation	Not yet clear – no draft legislation	Χ	X	×	Х	X
23	Slovenia	only for B2G	(with consent)	no foreseen changes	no foreseen changes	Yes	prescribed VAT returns	VAT returns / invoices paid in cash		eDavki – system of the Slovenian Financial Administration
24	Spain	only for B2G	B2B - B2C (with consent)	Planned as of July 2025: B2G and B2B (some exceptions)	Others	For large companies (SII report)	x	All VAT transactions	4 working days	SII report
25	Sweden	X	X	Not yet planned	Not yet planned	X	X	×	X	X
26	Switzerland	X	Yes	X	X	Yes	X	X	Х	ePortal by the Swiss Federal Tax Administration
27	United Kingdom	Only for suppliers to NHS	(with consent)	Х	(with consent)	MTDfV - as of April 2022	Digital records and digital links required	All, but some manual adjustments allowed	In VAT return	MTD compliant software required for submission

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