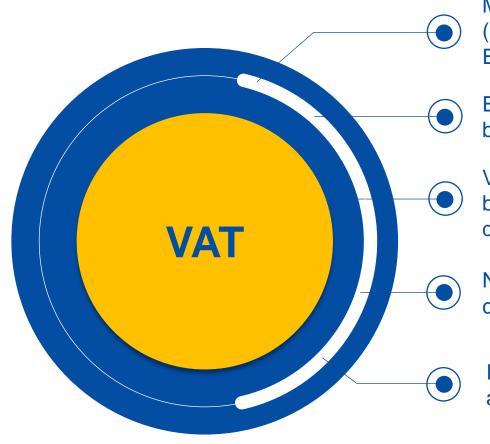


# VAT in the Digital Age Plans for EU harmonisation of Digital Reporting Requirements

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# Value Added Tax (VAT) factcheck



Major contributor to the MS budgets (½ of total government revenue) and EU own resource

EUR 134 billion uncollected VAT due by the tax authorities in 2019

VAT administration is generally burdensome and not always fully digitalised

New business models pose new challenges to the VAT system

Interconnection of the VAT systems at EU level is sub-optimal

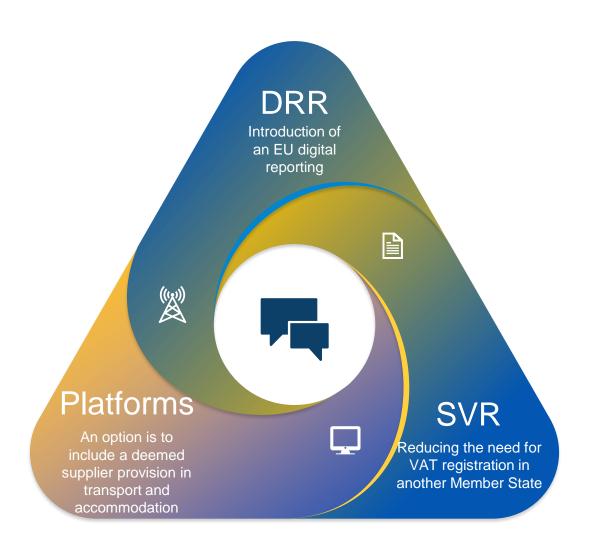


# Background of the proposal

**Definitive VAT system** Tax Action Plan for fair and Conference proposal for B2B cross-'VAT in the Digital Age' simple taxation border trade Commission's new tax package **May 2018** December 2019 **July 2020** 



# What does VAT in the Digital Age (ViDA) do?





#### 3. How will VIDA do it?

...three-part legislative package







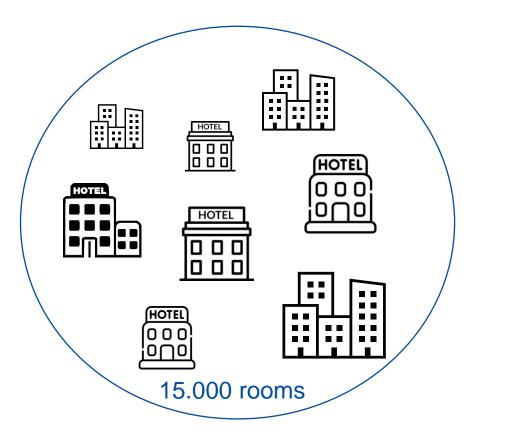


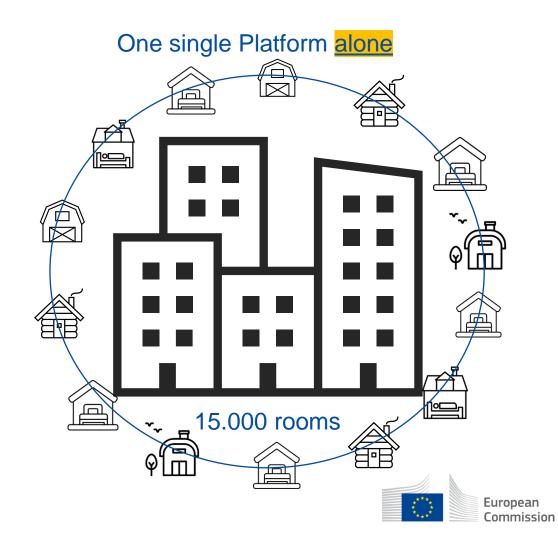


## VAT treatment of Platform economy

The case of Barcelona short-term accommodation

Traditional accommodation all together





# Single VAT registration

- After the VAT e-commerce package, there remain transactions where a business needs to register in multiple Member States
- VAT registration is costly, these costs could be saved
- An opportunity: quick fixes
   to improve the current VAT ecommerce rules

Now: an e-vehicle charging company must register in **each** Member State



VAT in the Digital Age: **single** VAT registration – one Member State only





# Single VAT registration

The SVR part of ViDA is built on existing systems, **minimal costs** are to be expected:



Introduction of e-commerce schemes: **EUR 8 billion over the 6 months** since the implementation



**SMEs to benefit** greatly: 280.000 out of 300.000 businesses that could not VAT register anymore are SMEs



**EUR 8,7 billion savings** in costs related to VAT registration between 2023 and 2032



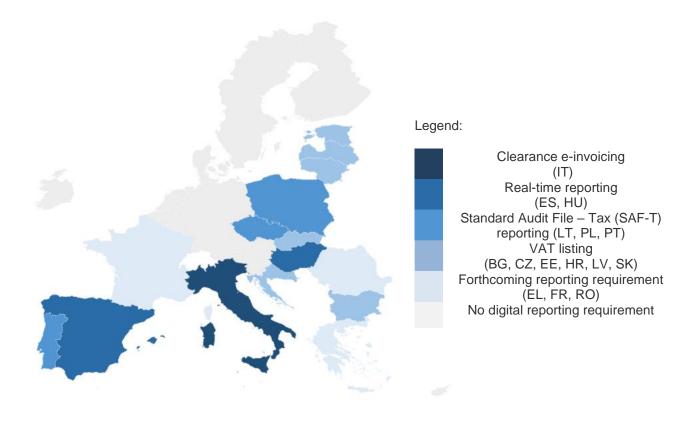
Minimum VAT-related costs of cross-border trade for businesses (EUR)

Business type	Per MS
Minimum costs of VAT registration (one-off)	
Average business	EUR 1 200
SME	EUR 1 200
Minimum annual VAT compliance costs of doing cross-border trade - implying VAT registration (ongoing)	
Average business	EUR 8 000
SME	EUR 4 000



# Digital Reporting Requirements (DRR)

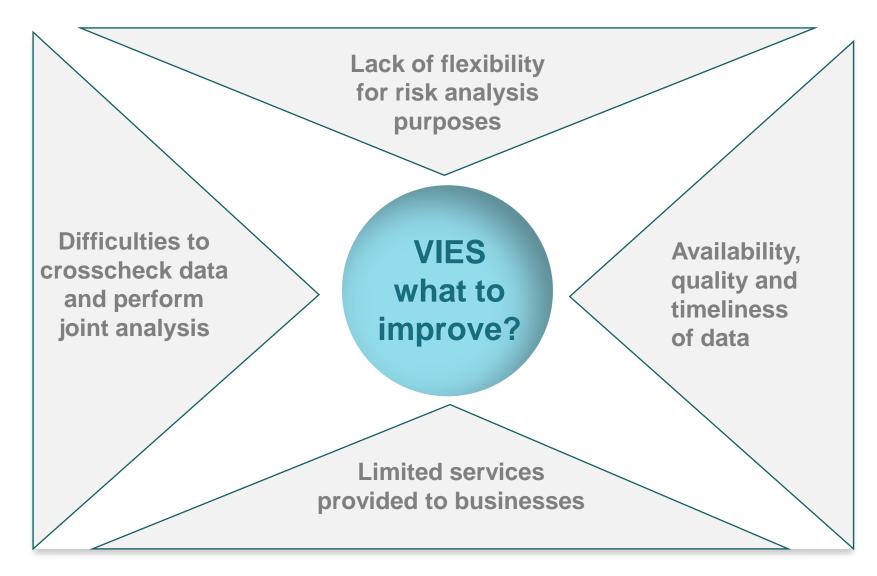
- Member States are free to implement reporting systems, without any guidance.
- Wide range of domestic DRR lead to fragmentation across the EU, translating into significant burden for businesses and inefficiency in crossborder controls.
- EU legislation prohibits Member States from applying mandatory einvoicing, 'locking-in' sub-optimal systems



Digital Reporting Requirements in the EU (2020)

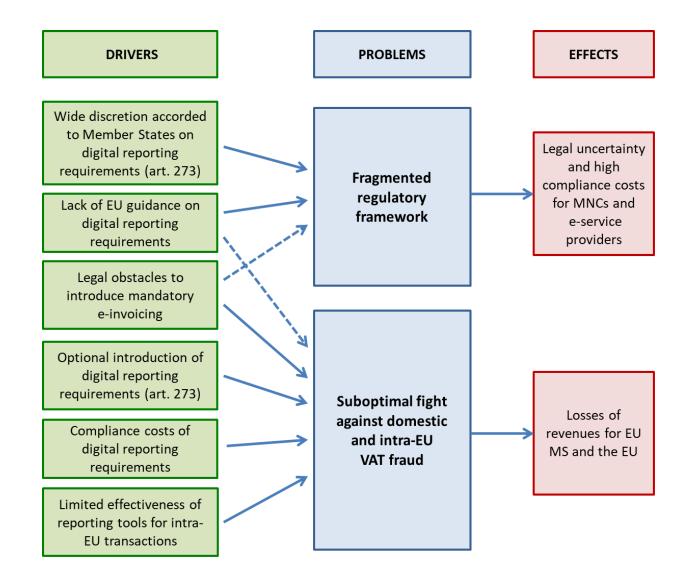


#### VIES system for intracommunity transactions





#### DRR - Problems addressed





# DRR - Modernising VAT reporting obligations - objectives -

Ensuring a quicker, possibly real-time, and more detailed exchange of VAT information on intra-EU transactions - Optimising the use of digital technologies to improve the fight against VAT fraud

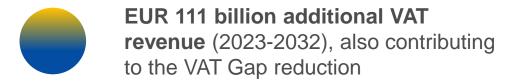
Streamlining the mechanisms that can be applied for domestic transactions – Reducing the administrative burden for businesses



# Digital Reporting Requirements (DRR)

**Implementation costs** of DRR: EUR 11,3 billion (businesses) and EUR 2,2 billion (tax administrations)

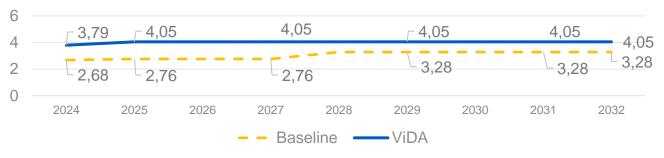






**Other benefits**: e.g. optimised value chains, quicker invoicing processes, and business automation

Notional VAT Gap reduction from the introduction of DRR, (percentage points, 2023-2032)





#### Proposal VAT in the Digital Age (ViDA) - SCOPE

EU DRR introduced for intra-EU transactions

Recapitulative statements removed

DRRs either obligatory (full) or remain optional for domestic transactions (enhanced)

New DRRs will conform to the EU DRR

Existing DRRs will ensure interoperability, then converge in the medium-term to the EU DRR

All taxpayers covered

No thresholds



## Proposal VAT in the Digital Age (ViDA) - DATA

#### Identify data-elements to be provided electronically to Tax Authorities

Facilitated with obligatory e-invoicing

Use EU standard for e-invoicing and transmitting information to Tax Authorities

Member States may allow traders to use other data formats for the transmission of this information insofar they ensure interoperability with the European Standard on electronic invoicing.



#### Transmission of data by central authorities using standard format

New central database

Additional functionalities to help improve risk analysis

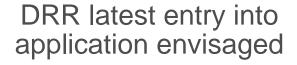
Ensure compliance with data protection rules



## Proposal VAT in the Digital Age (ViDA) – DATES

Different dates for the different parts

For some parts, specifically related to IOSS, solutions will be presented together with proposal for the revisions of UCC







# Thank You



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