



Board Resolution No. 1

RESOLUTION 1: BASIC SUPPORT FOR VIDA

Adopted by the UFE Board of Directors

September 30, 2025, Faro

WHEREAS

1. The European Union suffers annual MTIC fraud losses of €61 billion (updated from latest 2024 EU Commission data), equivalent to €167 million per day, representing an intolerable drain on public finances;
2. VAT in the Digital Age (VIDA) represents the most comprehensive reform of the EU tax system since the establishment of the single market;
3. Carousel fraud and Missing Trader Intra-Community (MTIC) schemes account for approximately 60% of all VAT losses, or €36.6 billion annually (updated calculation based on 2024 data);
4. The current fragmented system of 27 different national VAT reporting mechanisms creates systemic vulnerabilities that sophisticated criminal organizations exploit;
5. Countries with advanced digital systems demonstrate remarkable success: Italy achieved 60% reduction in tax gaps within four years through mandatory e-invoicing, Hungary reduced MTIC losses by 47% through real-time monitoring, and Poland achieved 35% VAT gap reduction through SAF-T implementation;
6. The Union of Finance Personnel in Europe, representing over 400,000 tax and customs professionals across 27 member states, has unique expertise and moral obligation to address this crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The UFE Board hereby declares its unqualified support for the VAT in the Digital Age (VIDA) package as adopted by the EU Council on March 11, 2025.

SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

1. The UFE recognizes VIDA as the most important advancement in European taxation since the introduction of the Euro and pledges full organizational support for its implementation;
2. The UFE acknowledges that the current annual loss of €61 billion (updated from 2024 EU Commission data) represents a fundamental failure of tax collection that undermines public services, infrastructure investment, and social welfare programs;
3. The UFE commits to mobilizing its extensive network of tax professionals to ensure successful VIDA implementation across all 27 member states;
4. The UFE will actively support VIDA as essential for maintaining the integrity of the EU single market and ensuring fair competition between businesses;
5. The UFE recognizes that VIDA implementation is not merely a technical upgrade but a moral imperative to protect taxpayer resources and maintain public trust in European institutions;
6. The UFE will promote the proven success models from Hungary, Italy, Poland, and Spain as evidence that digital VAT systems achieve measurable fraud reductions and improved compliance;

IMPLEMENTATION MANDATE

This resolution mandates the UFE Presidium to:

- Coordinate with EU institutions to ensure VIDA receives necessary political and financial support;
- Engage with member state governments to emphasize the critical importance of VIDA compliance;
- Provide technical expertise and practical guidance throughout the implementation process;
- Monitor progress and report regularly to member unions on VIDA developments;
- Share best practices and lessons learned from successful implementations in Hungary, Italy, Poland, and Spain.

Adopted unanimously by the UFE Presidium

September 29, 2025

Florian Köbler, President

Union of Finance Personnel in Europe