



Board Resolution No. 2

RESOLUTION 2: DEMAND FOR CENTRAL EU SOLUTION

Adopted by the UFE Presidium Board

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WHEREAS

1. The current trajectory toward 27 separate national VIDA implementation systems would cost billions of Euro in duplicated development expenses;
2. Fragmented national systems create incompatibilities that criminal organizations can exploit at system interfaces;
3. A centralized EU platform could cost in the region of €1.5 billion, representing 90% cost savings compared to fragmented development;
4. Real-time fraud detection requires seamless data integration across all member states, which is impossible with disparate national systems;
5. Uniform accounting standards and taxonomies in invoices are essential to ensure consistency and compatibility across systems. Data protection must allow invoices to be read in a way that enables fraud detection;
6. The harmonization process required to integrate 27 different systems by 2035 would create years of additional vulnerabilities and massive additional costs;
7. Every month of delay in implementing effective fraud prevention costs EU taxpayers €5.1 billion in lost revenue (updated from 2024 EU Commission data showing €61 billion annual losses);
8. Countries with centralized or advanced digital systems (Hungary, Italy, Poland, Spain) demonstrate that unified approaches achieve superior fraud detection and compliance results.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED

The UFE Presidium demands that the European Commission immediately initiate development of a unified, centralized VIDA platform for all 27 member states.

SPECIFIC DEMANDS

1. The European Commission shall issue a comprehensive tender for a unified EU-VIDA platform along the lines of the successful systems already in use in Hungary, Italy, Poland, and Spain;
2. All Member States shall be required to utilize the centralized platform, with no exceptions for national variations or special requirements;
3. Funding shall be provided through a combination of EU budget allocations and proportional member state contributions based on economic size;
4. Governance shall be established through a new EU Tax Technology Agency with representatives from all member states and UFE;
5. Technical specifications shall ensure immediate interoperability, real-time data sharing, and unified fraud detection algorithms based on proven success models;
6. Implementation shall include comprehensive backup systems, 24/7 technical support, and fail-safe mechanisms to prevent economic disruption.

ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION

The 2024 EU Commission data provides compelling evidence that centralized approaches work:

- Daily cost of fragmentation: €167 million in continued MTIC fraud losses
- Proven success rate: Countries with advanced systems achieve 35-60% fraud reduction
- Cost-benefit ratio: €1.5 billion investment vs. €61 billion annual losses = 4,000% potential return
- Implementation timeline: Unified approach reduces deployment time by 3-5 years compared to fragmented development

Adopted unanimously by the UFE Presidium

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