Board Resolution No. 3

RESOLUTION 3: ACCELERATED IMPLEMENTATION

Adopted by the UFE Presidium

September 29, 2025, Faro, PT

WHEREAS

1. Every day of delay in VIDA implementation results in €167 million in lost tax revenue to fraudulent schemes (updated from 2024 EU Commission data);
2. The latest EU Commission analysis confirms that MTIC fraud losses remain at €61 billion annually, demonstrating that the problem persists without comprehensive digital intervention;
3. Criminal organizations are becoming increasingly sophisticated and are already adapting their methods to exploit known weaknesses in current systems;
4. Several member states, including Hungary, Italy, Poland, and Spain, have already successfully implemented advanced digital VAT systems, proving that accelerated timelines are technically feasible and highly effective;
5. The current implementation schedule allows criminal organizations five additional years to perfect their fraudulent schemes while achieving measurable success rates of 35-60% fraud reduction are already demonstrated;
6. European citizens and businesses deserve immediate protection from tax fraud that undermines fair competition and public services;
7. Countries with real-time reporting systems show dramatic improvements: Hungary reduced MTIC losses from €1.7 billion to €0.9 billion in just one year (2022-2023).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED

The UFE Presidium categorically rejects any postponement of critical VIDA milestones and demands acceleration of implementation timelines wherever technically and politically feasible, based on proven success models from advanced member states.

ACCELERATION MEASURES

1. Launch cross-border real-time pilot projects to report by Q2/2026 instead of 2028;

2. Voluntary Early Adoption: Encourage member states to implement mandatory e-invoicing for intra-Community transactions by 2028 instead of waiting until 2030;
3. Emergency Response Protocols: Establish rapid-response mechanisms to address technical failures or system vulnerabilities without waiting for scheduled maintenance windows;
4. Fast-Track Approval: Streamline EU approval processes for national implementations that exceed minimum VIDA requirements;
5. Continuous Operation: Provide 24/7 technical support and monitoring to ensure system reliability during critical implementation phases;
6. Penalty Framework: Implement financial penalties for member states that fail to meet accelerated deadlines without valid technical justification;
7. Success Model Replication: Mandate adoption of proven technical approaches from Hungary, Italy, Poland, and Spain to accelerate deployment timelines.

EVIDENCE-BASED URGENCY

The 2024 data validates UFE's call for acceleration:

- Daily cost of delay: €167 million (nearly €61 billion annually)
- Proven implementation success: 47% fraud reduction (Hungary), 60% tax gap reduction (Italy), 35% improvement (Poland)
- Technical feasibility confirmed: Multiple member states operating advanced systems successfully
- Criminal adaptation rate: Fraud schemes evolving faster than current countermeasures

IMPLEMENTATION MANDATE

The UFE Presidium is hereby authorized and directed to:

- Engage directly with the EU Commission to advocate for accelerated timelines based on proven success models;
- Request the EU Commission to instruct Member States to implement digital systems by 2028 using successful country templates;
- Monitor and publicly report on implementation progress with specific reference to fraud reduction achievements;
- Coordinate with successful member states to share technical expertise and implementation strategies.

Adopted unanimously by the UFE Presidium

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