



EU VAT

Expert degree 2026 - 2027

Starting April 2026

There is an increasing demand for well-trained VAT specialists to fill the positions of VAT managers and VAT directors in multinational companies. Their task mainly consists of co-ordinating VAT questions at European level, and answering those questions where possible.

Since an appropriate degree program is not available at European universities, the management team of VAT Forum CV have decided to meet this

need and in doing so we have organized the Expert in European VAT Degree. We began this endeavor in 2004 and due to its success it is still organized to-date. VAT Forum runs a biennial program that can lead to an 'Expert in European VAT' degree after completing 210 course hours and passing the necessary exams beginning in September 2027. To date, 81 participants have obtained the 'EU VAT Expert' title.

FULL PROGRAM

The course consists of the following main modules:

- **Directive 2006/112/EC module (60 hours)**
- **ECJ court cases module (30 hours)**
- **"Doing business in ... " module (60 hours)**
- **Topics module (60 hours)**

Directive 2006/112/EC module

60 hours

Part 1: Monday 20 April to Friday 24 April 2026
Venue: Château de la Motte
2 la Motte, 86230 Usseau, France

Presented by:
Patrick Wille
Marja van den Oetelaar
Frank Borger

Part 2: Monday 22 June to Friday 26 June 2026
Venue: Château de la Motte
2 la Motte, 86230 Usseau, France

Over 10 days, the different provisions of Directive 2006/112/EC will be analyzed in depth together with the Implementing Regulation 282/2011. Where appropriate, an analysis will be made of which member states have made use of the more than 200 options left open in the Directive, starting with "member states may".

The aim is for the participants to base their reasoning on the provisions of the European Directive when analyzing VAT cases and then to apply national legislation (with its derogations).

ECJ court cases module

30 hours

Monday 21 September to Friday 25 September 2026
Venue: The Corner Hotel Barcelona
Mallorca 178, 08036 Barcelona, Spain

Presented by:
Alexis Tsielepis

Over 5 days, a selection of ECJ court cases will be analyzed and their practical impact will be discussed. The outcome of ECJ court cases is often disregarded, not used, or used inappropriately.

The aim is for the participants to be independently able to interpret the conclusion of a decision of the European Court correctly.

FULL PROGRAM

“Doing business in...” module

60 hours

Part 1: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026

Venue: The Corner Hotel Barcelona
Mallorca 178, 08036 Barcelona, Spain

Part 2: Monday 22 February to Friday 26 February 2027

Venue: Hotel Catedral Barcelona
Carrer dels Capellans, 4
Ciutat Vella, 08002 Barcelona, Spain

Over 10 days, VAT experts from different EU countries will explain how Directive 2006/112/EC has been implemented in their national VAT legislation. The entire day will be spent explaining derogations and other special rules such as importations, reverse charges, and the filing of VAT returns in a specific country.

The following countries will be assessed:

October 2026

- 26/10: Spain by Pablo Lujan Gil
- 27/10: Belgium by Patrick Wille & Frank Borger
- 28/10: France by Maïté Tsikis
- 29/10: Sweden by Pär Sundberg
- 30/10: Ireland by Dara Higgins

February 2027

- 22/2: Italy by Alessandro Portale
- 23/2: Netherlands by Marja van den Oetelaar
- 24/2: Poland by Dorota Baczewska
- 25/2: Germany by Atanas Mateev
- 26/2: United Kingdom by Melanie Lord

Topics module

60 hours

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We will deal with several topics over 10 days. The aim is for participants to learn to apply the knowledge they have gathered throughout the course when analyzing specific cases. Legislation, relevant ECJ court cases, and many practical examples will be explored.

The following topics will be held:

April 2027

- 26/4: Chain transactions
by Marja van den Oetelaar & Frank Borger
- 27/4: Use & Enjoyment rules
by Marja van den Oetelaar & Patrick Wille
- 28/4: Im- & export
by Frank Borger
- 29/4: Transport services & VAT
by Marja van den Oetelaar & Milan Vargan
- 30/4: E-commerce
by Marja van den Oetelaar & Milan Vargan

June 2027

- 21/6: Recharging of services (including TP)
by Patrick Wille
- 22/6: Liability to pay the VAT
by Patrick Wille
- 23/6: Financial services
by Matthew Zampa
- 24/6: Fixed establishments
by Atanas Mateev
- 25/6: Assembly & installation supplies
by Atanas Mateev

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Full Course Registration for one person, including exams.

Registration fee* for the 'Expert in European VAT': €7.750 for members and €8.500 for non-members.

The registration fee covers the participation fees for all sessions, exam fees, administrative support, copies of the slides used, occasional texts, and lunches.

***NOTE: All prices are exclusive of VAT**

Registration for individual modules/ days

Directive 2006/112/EC module

Monday 20 April to Friday 24 April 2026 and
Monday 22 June to Friday 26 June 2026

Registration fee*: €2.500 for members of VAT Forum and €3.250 for non-members. The registration fee covers the participation fees, administrative support, copies of the slides used, occasional texts, and lunches.

ECJ court cases module

Monday 21 September to Friday 25 September 2026

Registration fee*: €1.500 for members of VAT Forum and €2.000 for non-members. The registration fee covers the participation fees, administrative support, copies of the slides used, occasional texts, and lunches.

Each “doing business in...” module

Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026 and
Monday 22 February to Friday 26 February 2027

Registration fee*: €350 for members of VAT Forum and €500 for non-members per day excluding VAT. The registration fee covers the participation fees for one session, administrative support, copies of the slides used, any texts used that day, and lunch.

Each “topic”

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Monday 21 June to Friday 25 June 2027

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REGISTRATION

Send the registration form to

VAT Forum

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B-1850, Grimbergen, Belgium

Or email

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Name of participant

Company

Email address

VAT number

Phone number

Address

Country

I'm a member of VAT Forum

I will become a member of VAT
Forum € 1.000 per year *

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If you have any questions or requests, do not hesitate to contact us at:
Patrick Wille +32 475794574 or via email to patrick.wille@vatforum.com
Marja van den Oetelaar +31 356940126 or via email to marja@tvcf.nl

Signature and Date



REGISTRATION OPTIONS

I wish to register for the following EU VAT Expert Full Course / Module(s):

- Full Course Registration for one person
- Registration for Directive 2006/112/EC module
- Registration for ECJ court cases

Registration for "Doing business in..."

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Château de la Motte – 2 la Motte, 86230
Usseau - France www.pi-castle.com

Lodging

On site - includes breakfast and 3-course dinner:

- Inside the Château de la Motte
5 rooms are available at €155 per night
- In the gîtes in the orangery beside Château de la Motte
6 rooms are available at €135 per night

Please contact Patrick Wille (patrick.wille@vatforum.com) for your room reservation at Château de la Motte.
Prices do not include VAT or tourist tax.

Off site:

You are welcome to choose any hotel. The hotels closest to Usseau are in Châtellerault.

Getting there by air:

- flights from anywhere in the world to the main airport in Paris, Charles de Gaulle, then onward by high speed train
- to Poitiers airport from London Stansted in the UK
- flights to La Rochelle, Tours, Nantes or Limoges by various low-cost airlines throughout Europe, then onward by rental car

by high-speed train:

- to Poitiers train station from Paris Montparnasse (direct) in less than 2 hours
- to Poitiers train station from Paris Charles de Gaulle airport (direct) in 2 hours
- to Châtellerault train station by ordinary train.

by car:

- from Paris: A10 to Bordeaux, exit Châtellerault-Nord, then follow for Usseau
- from Bordeaux: A10 to Paris, exit Châtellerault-Nord, then follow for Usseau

A free shuttle bus is available from Châtellerault train station, Poitiers train station and Poitiers airport.

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The Corner Hotel Barcelona

Mallorca 178, 08036 Barcelona, Spain

The Corner Hotel is located in the heart of Barcelona, in the Eixample district.

This unbeatable location places the hotel just a few minutes walk from several key places in Barcelona such as Avinguda Diagonal, Plaça Catalunya or Passeig de Gràcia, where you can find elements of the modernist route of the city as important as La Pedrera or Casa Lleó i Morera.

Moreover, the central location of the hotel, in the Eixample district, places it close to the main nightlife, shopping and other places of tourist interest in Barcelona



Hotel Catedral Barcelona

Carrer dels Capellans, 4
Ciutat Vella, 08002 Barcelona, Spain

Hotel Catedral Barcelona is right in the heart of Barcelona, in the most historically rich neighbourhood in the city, the Gothic Quarter, and a pedestrian area. You'll find it between La Rambla and Via Laietana, next to the Cathedral, and a 5-minute walk from Plaça de Catalunya. A wonderful starting point for exploring the city on foot, cycling or using public transport.

The hotel's privileged location is a formal invitation to stroll around the most historic neighbourhoods of the city, where you will come across a succession of monumental buildings, museums, local markets, shops, cafés and terraces.

