

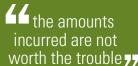
# Are you recovering all that you are entitled to?

Companies that do business in the European Union are often entitled to recover the value-added tax (VAT) paid on certain types of business expenses and purchases of goods or services. However, every year, large amounts in recoverable foreign VAT are left unclaimed.





find procedures for refunds generally difficult to contend with



44 administration is too difficult 77

Source: VAT/GST Relief for Foreign Businesses: The State of Play, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), February 2010.



The Council European Directive 86/560/EEC, known as the "13th Directive" was adopted and has been especially designed for non-EU companies wishing to recover VAT incurred in an EU Member State in which they do not, and are not required to have, a local VAT registration.

The Council European Directive 2008/09/EC has been especially designed for EU companies wishing to recover VAT incurred in a different EU Member State.

# New technology means new VAT opportunities

KPMG has developed a new market leading approach, based on a combination of data analysis technology and a process designed to minimize manual invoice collection.

Using proprietary technology, a company's credit card and/or expenses system data can be analyzed and a VAT Opportunity Report created. The report identifies potential VAT recovery amounts and targeted invoices.

The first step is an analysis of a company's credit card and/or time and expense system data to create a **VAT Opportunity Report**. This report quantifies the VAT opportunity by country and type of spend. NAT Opportunity Based on the VAT Report Opportunity Report, a target list of desired invoices is created to avoid time consuming manual invoice review and to quickly prioritize what actions need to be taken to maximize VAT recovery. Religion application Missing invoices

Our automated VAT recovery solution is used to process the invoices, to run quality checks and to generate highly accurate VAT refund claims and formatted information that we can centrally submit to European tax authorities' portals (in the case of intra-EU refunds).

Our periodic reporting allows you to follow the status of the refunds from submission of the claims to tax authorities' decision.

Our automated process can identify when proper documentation is missing by comparing collected invoices and target data, driving efficiency in the retrieval of high-value missing invoices directly from vendors.

**KPMG VAT** 

professionals

manage the VAT

refund claims from

submission to refund

and can analyze the

gap between the VAT incurred and

VAT recovered to

identify methods

overall VAT recovery performance.

to improve your

# Types of recoverable foreign VAT expenses



Car rentals



Hotels



Public transportation, taxi



Conferences and tradeshows



Professional fees



Meals and entertainment



Other goods and services purchased for business purposes

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KPMG's Global Indirect Tax practice comprises over 1,600 professionals located in KPMG member firms in 94 countries. These professionals combine advanced technical capabilities in indirect tax with deep understanding of industry

and business issues. KPMG's distinctive networking model means member firms' tax professionals combine an international perspective with local experience and insight.

# **Additional insights**



# (%) KPMG's OnlineTax RateTool

KPMG's rates tool allows users to compare (the highest) corporate, indirect and individual income tax rates for one country, for any given year(s) and compare one tax type across multiple countries, for any given year(s).

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# **Country VAT/GST Essentials:**

Essential information regarding VAT/GST as it applies in various countries.

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