



# VAT/BTW Reclaim from the Netherlands

## VAT Reclaim on Travel and Other Expenses

Value Added Tax (VAT), called BTW in the Netherlands, is a consumption tax added to most goods and services in many countries around the world. The national tax systems in the Netherlands allow most non-resident business entities to claim a refund of the VAT. A sample of services where North American companies that do business within the Netherlands can be charged 9% / 21% VAT are:

- Lodging
- Event venue expenses
- Conference fees
- Import VAT & drop-shipping
- Sales by internet
- Research & development

The Netherlands is one of the few countries that refund VAT on most services to North American business entities if they follow the proper procedures. It is also the only country within the EU where it is possible to go back 5 years in order to apply for a VAT refund (In most other EU countries it is only possible to go back 1 year). There is generally no reason VAT paid in the Netherlands should be absorbed as a cost by a North American company. Euro VAT Refund, Inc. can help assess if the VAT incurred can be reclaimed, and assist in the reclaim process.

## Import to EU through the Netherlands

The Netherlands is a great country to import goods through into the EU, in comparison to other EU countries. The reason is that a North American company can appoint a physical representative that takes care of the import of goods into the Netherlands, and therefore does not have to register for VAT in the Netherlands. This means that the import VAT can be deferred, which is good for the North American company's cash flow. Most other EU countries generally require VAT registration and VAT payments upfront upon imports where the North American company is the official importer of record.

## Organizing Events within the Netherlands

When organizing conferences or tradeshows in the Netherlands or any other part of the European Union (EU), there are several VAT refund opportunities that will ultimately lower the North American event planners costs, including:

- VAT refund on business conferences and tradeshows where **No Fees** are charged.
- VAT refund on business conferences and tradeshows where **Fees** are charged. VAT registration might be required - see below.

Please note that VAT refunds on incentive trips are generally not possible.

## VAT Registration for an Event/Meeting

When VAT registration in the Netherlands is required prior to a planned meeting or event, **it is extremely important that the VAT registration is done** by the planner and/or business entity producing the event **at the planning stage, prior to business transactions taking place.**

1. Register for VAT in The Netherlands.
2. Charge 21% VAT to eligible attendees/exhibitors/sponsors, or, charge 21% VAT to the client - the company organizing the event.
3. Deduct (Reclaim) the VAT incurred from the Dutch vendors.
4. Declare the VAT to the Dutch tax authorities.
5. Savings: the VAT incurred from the Dutch vendors.

**Feel free to contact Euro VAT Refund's VAT experts prior to any business activity or planned event within the Netherlands and we are happy to provide any initial advice for free.**

**Euro VAT Refund, Inc.** (EuroVAT) is a leading U.S. financial services firm based in Los Angeles, specializing in assisting North American Companies with their Value Added Tax (VAT) management and refunds when they do business in the Netherlands and other countries within Europe. EuroVAT offers advice how to manage the VAT for an upcoming business trip or a planned meeting in the Netherlands.



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