

A lucrative scheme: The VAT recovery service



VAT recovery services as a lever for growth

WHAT ?

- ▶ VAT recovery service in partnership with CCI France International



WHO ?

▶ The targets:

Foreign companies, organisations or chambers (learning expeditions, forums, seminars, etc.) outside the EU that have spent money in France

▶ The fees concerned:

Expenses for trade fairs, restaurants, diesel fuel, interpreters, meeting room (rental, booking), intangible services...

HOW ?

- ▶ 1 CCI FI agent (DG, SAE, Member Manager) + 1 CCI France International agent (Valerie Chantrelle)
- ▶ Establishment of partnership between CCI FI and CCI France International
- ▶ Web page creation and communication support: [see PDF model](#)

FEES:

- ▶ 10% fee on the amount of VAT recovered
(fee split: 50/50 between CCI FI and CCI France International)
- *The Chamber reserves the right to impose its commission*

FILE :

- ▶ Invoices showing recoverable French VAT (stand rental, furniture, flowers, advertising, hostesses, telephone, electricity, catering, all services...)
- ▶ The mandate (to be completed and signed by the company)
- ▶ An original certificate of registration of the company as a contractor (outside the EU)

- ▶ The French administration must be in possession of the complete file by **30 June** of the year following the date of issue of the invoice.

- ▶ Deadline for sending files to CCI France International:
1 June of year N+1 (year n = year of issue of the invoice concerned).

No additional time will be granted by the tax authorities.

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VAT also recoverable in Germany and Spain (Madrid) Enjoy the same service by contacting our local Chambers!

**Subject to tax agreements with the countries concerned.*

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Example of implementation of this service within a CCI FI : AUSTRALIA

Testimonial from Jérôme Fournand, Director of CCIF Australia:

"This VAT recovery service is still relatively unknown among our CCIs, even though it can generate recurring revenue with a limited investment of time and resources. Once you understand how it works and what documents are required, the main challenge is identifying eligible companies. To illustrate, an Australian fashion company that organised several events in France allowed us to gauge the strong potential of this scheme, with a quick and significant return for both our CCI and CCI France International. I therefore strongly encourage all CCIs abroad to look into this service and devote some time to assessing its opportunities."

VAT Refund



Get a Tax Refund on expenses incurred while travelling in France.

FACCI can help Australian-based companies to get a Tax Refund on the expenses made while attending trade shows and exhibitions in France. This refund may represent important amounts, since the Value Added Tax (VAT) reaches up to 19.6% in France. Companies asking for the refund have to provide the original invoices. Payment will be made within 1 to 3 months, with the deduction of a small service charge.

Under certain conditions, we also may be able to provide tax refunds for expenses made in some other European countries (eligible countries list and conditions to be provided on request, subject to changes on the national regulations and local agreements).

To use this service, you have to:

- Sign and send to FACCI a mandate which one is provided by the FACCI
- Provide the original invoice

VAT is refundable for these following expenditures:

- Trade fairs, exhibitions, conferences and seminars
- Events: hire of stands, rooms, hire or purchase of furniture, decoration, flowers, hostesses, interpreters, telephone, electricity, transport of goods or machinery, etc.
- Restaurants, caterers (food and drinks)
- Diesel (80% of VAT is recoverable)
- Rental of furniture
- Rental of commercial vehicles
- Intangible services: advertising, legal services, IT