



# VAT/MwSt/USSt Reclaim from Germany

## VAT Reclaim on Travel and Other Expenses

Value Added Tax (VAT), called MwSt/USSt in Germany, is a consumption tax added to most goods and services in many countries around the world. The national tax systems in Germany 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 Germany can be charged 7% / 19% VAT are:

- Lodging
- Event venue expenses
- Conference fees
- Meals
- Transportation
- Import VAT & drop-shipping
- Sales by internet / e-commerce
- Research & development

Germany is one of the few countries that refund VAT on most services to North American business entities if they follow the proper procedures.

There is generally no reason VAT paid in Germany 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.

## Organizing Events within Germany

When organizing conferences or tradeshows in Germany 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 Germany 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 Germany.
2. Charge 19% VAT to eligible attendees/exhibitors/sponsors, or, charge 19% VAT to the client - the company organizing the event.
3. Deduct (Reclaim) the VAT incurred from the German vendors.
4. Declare the VAT to the German tax authorities.
5. Savings: the VAT incurred from the German vendors.

**Feel free to contact Euro VAT Refund's VAT experts prior to any business activity or planned event within Germany 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 Germany and other countries within Europe. EuroVAT offers advice how to manage the VAT for an upcoming business trip or a planned meeting in Germany.



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