

Master Thesis Evaluation

Reviewer form

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Title of the thesis:	<i>Application of VAT on intracommunity supplies of goods and services and its potential improvements</i>
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THESIS CONTENT SUMMARY:

The thesis focuses on VAT avoidance within the EU market and its possible solutions. These solutions are compared and assessed. The author argues that the reverse-charge mechanism would serve the best, compared to solution based on current system and to so called, definitive system.

The aim stated in introduction is as follows: *"The aim of this Master Thesis is to assess the potential loopholes in the VAT system applicable on international trade within the EU and the reason of its creation and provide some information regarding the potential improvements."*

Another objectives are stated later in the introduction: *"The general objective of the thesis is to study VAT fraud in the European Union and try to find useful alternative solution to reduce negative impacts of tax leakages, the control of tax evasion and avoidance."*

The specific objectives are:

- *To assess the EU VAT tax structure and history of VAT;*
- *To find out the differences in VAT gap of countries in EU where there is high non-compliance and more successful countries and take into account as well the social and economic factors that also have an influence on the VAT compliance;*
- *To trace out administrative, legal and other constraints in tax (VAT) compliance and enforcement of laws;*
- *To provide suggestions / recommendations for making VAT system effective and efficient in EU."*

OBJECTIONS AND REMARKS:

The topic of the theses is very interesting and worth the research. The aim, as stated in the introduction at two parts as aim and objectives, is at some points very wide and I think that some of the stated

objectives were only merely touched, i.e. assessing the potential loopholes in the VAT system or assessing the history of VAT and others.

The thesis is rather descriptive, which is not necessarily a problem as some topics require more descriptive approach. However, one needs to be even more alert with the proper citations. I am of the opinion, that some quoted texts in the thesis should be cited more properly and some citations declared as indirect should have been marked as direct.

There are typos in the text.

QUESTIONS FOR THE DEFENCE:

Why are VAT frauds considered to be more dangerous when it comes to its' extend compared to avoidance of other taxes?

Why do you think is preferred solution by the EC the definitive system when according to your analysis the better solution would be the reverse-charge mechanism?

ASSESSMENT:

Criterion	Excellent	Very good	Good	Insufficient
Aim formulation and fulfilment	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work with literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
Methods and data used	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
Results and their discussion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
Formal aspects	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suggested overall grading: 3 - Good				

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