# Selected projects



#### Croatia

# Tackling fraud by exchanging information on VAT

#### Official title of the project

VIES effective management and business support

#### Country

Croatia

#### **Region/City**

National

#### Sector:

Internal market and trade - Taxation

#### **Budget/EC contribution**

1.000,000 euros.

#### Implementation period

18 months (December 2007 - March 2008)

#### **Expected results**

to create preconditions for the introduction and effective management of the VIES (Vat Information Exchange System), interfacing

the existing national vat information system

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# **Beneficiary**

Ministry of Finance of The Republic of Croatia, Tax Directorate

#### **Partners**

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# Fight against fraud.

Developing an efficient revenue collecting system is a necessary condition to become EU member. In fact an internal market that brings together 27 economies and 500 million consumers needs an efficient system of rules to facilitate legal trade and to preserve it from illegality.

Transparency and fight against fraud are the main objectives of VIES, an electronic system that has been developed to exchange information between EU Countries in the VAT field. Thanks to VIES application European countries can better control their own national revenues and better protect their taxpayers money.

## A way to manage the information.

The aim of this Project is to support Croatia's Tax Administration (CTA) to organize its VIES system achieving the necessary accession requirements within the field of taxation.

Whitin the project Austrian experts are providing know-how to the CTA through specific trainings, study tours and other capacity building actions. The aim of these activities is to obtain a high level of internal management for the Tax Administration Office.

### Related activities

Parallel to this project, the European Commission is financing the VIES software support through a service contract with IBM.

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