Does a PDV ID mean entry into the regular PDV system?

For: Trading company · limited liability company · limited company

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Applicability: According to the international transaction

The assignment of a VAT ID number is different from VAT registration. It may be required for certain EU services.

Establish the scenario before the count.

Provide the partner's country, its tax status, a description of the supply and whether you are selling or buying. Without that context, the response "I need a VAT number" may overlook other obligations.

After registration, also check the account details and the reporting for the specific case. Obtaining an identification number does not mean that every transaction is treated the same or that a right to deduct VAT automatically arises.

How to prepare this in your business

For professional verification, prepare a sample invoice, the partner's name and country, and a description of the delivery. If the partner's company differs from the platform's name, specify the actual invoice issuer. This reduces the risk of a response being issued to the wrong entity.

After verification, save a brief description of the applied scenario and check whether each new transaction type corresponds to it. Someone else's example with an EU client is not sufficient if the customer, the service or your status differ.

Example of two separate questions

A non-VAT entrepreneur asks whether a VAT ID is required for an EU service. First, he determines the registration required for that transaction, and separately checks his status in the standard VAT system. He does not combine these two checks into a single conclusion.

Specific next steps

1. Determine the country and status of the partner.
2. Describe the service and the direction of the transaction.
3. Before the transaction, check the registration and forms.

Most common mistakes

• To mix up identification for EU business and regular VAT status.

• Assume the same treatment for goods and all types of services.

Limits of application

It is not a universal solution for every foreign account.

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