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Why is the VAT Audit Important?

'Grand Theft Europe' — tax fraudsters reportedly stealing millions from governments

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The "VAT carousel" rackets enable criminal gangs to steal millions from the state. This type of graft is hitting Germany particularly hard.



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A new report published on Tuesday revealed a €50 billion (\$56 billion) tax fraud scheme that has been gathering steam in Europe for years — and Germany is both the biggest victim and enabler of the EU's massive "VAT carousel" racket, according to the authors.

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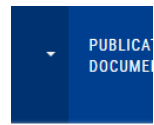
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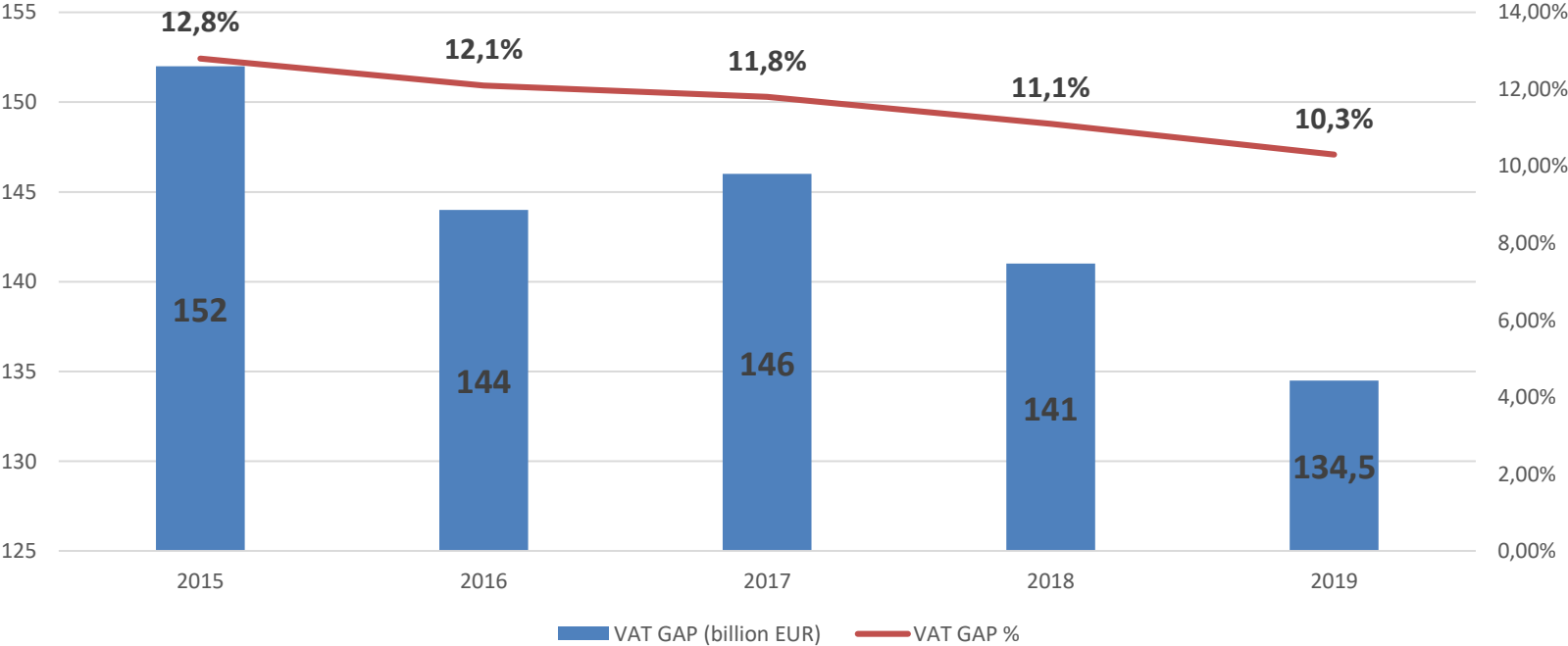
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VAT lost across the EU

VAT GAP - Total EU 28



Source: https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/vat/vat-gap_en

What could be financed from VAT GAP in 2019

Paris 2024 Olympic games	€6.8 Bln.
Donations to rebuild Notre Dame	€1.0 Bln.
Erasmus exchange program 2020	€3.8 Bln.
Costs of 59 low- incomes countries to cope with the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic	€42 Bln.
EIB Board approves immediate financial support to Ukraine	€0.7 Bln.
Government gross debt of BUL, EST, CRO, CYP, MLT	€80.2 Bln.
Total	€134,5 Bln.



Game rules

The point of the game is to find countries on the map of Europe. The game will have four rounds. I will ask you a question in each round. In case no team knows the correct answer I will give you some hints to find the right country. There will be marks with color of your team on the table.

If a team knows the right answer the team representative puts the mark on the country on the map of Europe. The team can answer the given question only once at any time.

Game rules

The game does not end after the first team answers, but only after the 3rd hint. It means that all teams can answer questions in all rounds.

The result of the round will always be announced by the contest moderator after the 3rd hint is given.

Winner

The winning team is a team which first marks the correct country.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU!

1st Round

Which EU country had the highest VAT revenues in 2019?

- This country was the first to enact daylight saving time in 1916.
- This country had 8 capitals and shares borders with 9 other countries.
- This dish is known as Bratwurst and is one of the country's most famous and popular dishes. Note: An unnamed [automaker](#) from this country has Bratwurst as an official component for all its vehicles under item number 199 398 500 A



2nd Round

Which state has the largest tax gap in nominal terms?

- The village of Viganella, located in this state, is located in a deep valley, where mountains block sunlight in winter, so they built huge mirrors around the perimeter to reflect sunshine directly down into the valley.
- This state is one of the founders of the European Union and is a member of the G8, the forum of the eight most powerful nations.
- There are two independent states within that country: the Republic of San Marino (40 square kilometers) and the Vatican (0,5 square kilometers).

3rd Round

Which state recorded the highest increase in the tax gap between 2018 -2019 by 5, 4%?

- Traditional dishes of this country include, "pastizz", "ftira" or "bragioli,,.
- It is the smallest country in the European Union.
- In this state, traffic is the same as in the United Kingdom, ie driving on the left-hand side of the road.

4th Round

In which EU country had the highest VAT GAP in 2019 (34.9%)?

- This country is home to four Nobel Prize laureates: George Emil Palade (medicine), Elie Wiesel (peace), Herta Müller (literature), and Stefan Hell (chemistry).
- The eastern shores of the country meet the waters of the Black Sea.
- From this country came the famous historically figure, Count Vlad III. Dracula, also called The Impaler.

Congratulations to all winners!