

Post-Master EU VAT 2026

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“The Post-Master EU VAT is essential for every VAT professional who wants to take his or her knowledge of VAT and related subjects to the next level.”

◀ **PROF. MADELEINE MERKKX**



“In 2022, I had the pleasure to take part in the EU VAT Post-Master. This Post-Master was a great opportunity for me to broaden my knowledge of VAT and to connect with other indirect tax professionals. Definitely a recommended experience!”

◀ **FRITS PASCH**

Tax professionals active in the field of VAT find themselves in a constantly changing playing field under the influence of case law and regulations changes, both from a national and an EU perspective. VAT has a major impact on the tax position of companies. This means that VAT-specialists need to keep up with the developments. You and/or your employees want to be aware of the latest developments in the field. You want to acquire the in-depth knowledge required for this in a practical and effective manner.

Together with fellow participants from the tax consultancy practice, the business community, Ministries, the Tax Authorities, the judiciary and academia, at EFS you learn to recognize the tax implications of the changing VAT rules. The Post-Master EU VAT covers various subjects in an integrated manner. Focus is on the EU law approach. The program consists of an on campus program from March 4 through March 6 2026, followed by an online program from March 9 through 16 April 2026 consisting of two online sessions a week from 16.00-19.00 CET (see the program for exact dates and times). The post master will be concluded with a case study, panel and celebration diner in Rotterdam. In the mornings during the on campus program* there is time to study, to enjoy the city of Rotterdam or e.g. to answer urgent e-mails

Due to the increasing role of Indirect Taxes within the tax spectrum, the focus is placed on the topics that are most relevant for every experienced tax professional working regularly in the field of VAT. The most recent developments within known VAT topics are covered, such as tax liability, place of supply of services, taxable amount and input VAT deduction. It also zooms in on specific topics such as the VAT status of holding companies and share transactions, VAT in a digital environment and various exemptions, with specific aspects that are relevant to the financial sector.

In addition, related topics, such as the legislative process, auditing and business strategies, are addressed in order to better understand the context of the rules and VAT processes as well. We will pay special attention to the impact of technological developments on VAT within a group of companies. In all sessions, there will be many opportunities for discussion and asking questions. Exchanging practical experiences with lecturers and among participants is an important part of this Post-Master's course. To successfully complete the Post-Master's course and receive a certificate of successfully completing your PostMaster degree, students are required to write a paper and defend it before the EFS examination committee. This paper offers the opportunity to study a VAT topic of your choice in depth, with committed and personal guidance from lecturers in the writing process.

The lectures are delivered by distinguished guest speakers and renowned professors coming from different corners of the VAT playing field. They are experienced lecturers and leaders in their fields, guaranteeing a high level of education.

The program is aimed at tax practice professionals with two to nine years of work experience, who wish to broaden and deepen their knowledge of EU Law related to VAT. We warmly invite every tax professional in the tax consultancy practice, the business world, academia, the judiciary, other legal professions, Ministries or the Tax Authorities to participate in the Post-Master.

Because of the diversity of the participants, the training offers an extraordinary opportunity to further expand and strengthen your network. Do you work as a tax expert in one of the EU Member states, or even outside the EU, but working on EU VAT topics regularly? If so, the program will also be of interest to you. The admission requirements for the program can be found on page 11.

*Online participation during the on campus part of the program is possible for participants living outside of Europe. Please consult the programme coordinator for your options.

Most important advantages

- In-depth education
- International business focus
- Bridge between theory and practice
- Interactive and hybrid programme
- International networking



Programme Management



◀ **PROF. DR. MADELEINE MERKX**

Programme Director / EFS Board Member

Madeleine Merx is Professor of Indirect Taxation at the Erasmus School of Law and a member of the Board of EFS. She is a partner at the Tax Research Center of BDO the Netherlands. She is also an editor of MBB (an academic journal), NLFiscaal kennisbank (a database) and FED (a case law journal) and a regular contributor to WFR, BNB, Btw-bulletin (all tax law journals) and Taxvisions (a tax video platform).



◀ **MILJA BORMANN-BAKKER, LL.M.**

Programme Coordinator

Milja Bormann-Bakker has more than 25 years of experience in Global VAT and related Indirect Tax topics. After previously working in the Big4 environment, and a local law firm she is currently Partner Indirect Tax (VAT) at BDO Netherlands. Milja graduated as a tax lawyer from the University of Amsterdam. She is a member of the Dutch Association of Tax Advisers (Nederlandse Orde van Belastingadviseurs) (NOB) and awarded Women in Tax Leader by International Tax Review as from 2015 and Indirect Tax Leader since 2014.

Programme | 4 March – 9 October 2026

Day 1 Wednesday 4 March 2026 (on campus)

12.30-13.00



PROF. MADELEINE MERKX
Partner BDO, Professor Erasmus
School of Law, Board member and
Programme Director EFS

Introduction



MILJA BORMANN-BAKKER
Partner Indirect Tax at BDO,
Program Coordinator EFS

13.00-16.00



PIETER BOUWHUIS
Head of VAT Dutch Ministry of Finance,
Lecturer University of Leiden

Taxable persons

16.30-19.30



PROF. JEROEN BIJL
Partner The VAT Consultancy Firm,
Professor Indirect Taxes Nyenrode
Business University and Deputy Judge
in the appeal court of The Hague

Taxable amount including vouchers



BART HEIJNEN
Partner Loyens & Loeff, Lecturer
Nyenrode Business University

Day 2 Thursday 5 March 2026 (on campus)

13.00-16.00



ERWAN LOQUET
BDO Tax & Advisory Partner
Luxembourg, Lecturer at the
University of Luxembourg

Exemptions

16.30-19.30



LL.D. MARTA PAPIS-ALMANSA
Assistant Professor, University of
Alicante (Spain) and Guest Researcher,
University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Deduction (session 1)



PROF. MARJA HOKKANEN
Lic. Sc. (Econ.), LL.M., Attorney at
Attorney Marja Hokkanen Ltd,
Post-doctoral researcher and lecturer
at Aalto University Finland



Day 3 Friday 6 March 2026 (on campus)		
09.00-12.00	 JOHN GRUSON Lecturer VAT Erasmus School of Law/Economics, Seminar Coordinator Top-Level Seminar EU VAT, Deloitte Tax Research Center, Senior Manager	International trade - goods
13.00-16.00	 KAROLINE SPIES Professor at WU (Vienna University), Member of VAT Expert Group at European Commission, Senior Tax Manager at Deloitte	International trade - services
16.00-16.30	 PROF. MADELEINE MERKK Partner BDO, Professor Erasmus School of Law, Board member and Programme Director EFS  MILJA BORMANN-BAKKER Partner Indirect Tax at BDO, Program Coordinator EFS	Wrap-up
Day 4 Monday 9 March 2026 (online)		
16.00-19.00	 LL.D. MARTA PAPIS-ALMANSA Assistant Professor, University of Alicante (Spain) and Guest Researcher, University of Copenhagen, Denmark  PROF. MARJA HOKKANEN Lic. Sc. (Econ.), LL.M, Attorney at Attorney Marja Hokkanen Ltd, Post-doctoral researcher and lecturer at Aalto University Finland	Deduction (session 2)
Day 5 Thursday 12 March 2026 (online)		
16.00-19.00	 PROF. MADELEINE MERKK Partner BDO, Professor Erasmus School of Law, Board member and Programme Director EFS  MILJA BORMANN-BAKKER Partner Indirect Tax at BDO, Program Coordinator EFS	Case study
Day 6 Tuesday 17 March 2026 (online)		
16.00-17.15	 DAVID HUMMEL European Court of Justice, University of Leipzig	Functioning of the CJEU
17.15-17.30	Coffee and tea break	
17.30-19.00	 DAVID HUMMEL European Court of Justice, University of Leipzig	How to read cases of the CJEU

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Day 7

Thursday 19 March 2026 (online)

16.00-17.30



MARCO GOMES VALE VIGA

VAT and Real Estate Transfer Tax
inspector at the Dutch Tax Authorities,
PhD student at the Erasmus University
Rotterdam

Legislative process

17.30-17.45

Coffee and tea break

17.45-19.00



PROF. TINA EHRKE-RABEL

Professor of Fiscal and Tax Law at the
University of Graz, Research focus on
European and Constitutional Tax Law
with special emphasis on indirect taxes

EU principles and taxpayer rights

Day 8

Tuesday 24 March 2026 (online)

16.00-19.00



PROF. WALTER DE WIT

Professor Erasmus School of Law, Judge
at the Appeal Court of The Hague, EFS
Programme Director

Supply chain and VAT (session 1)



MARTIJN SCHIPPERS

Assistant Professor Erasmus School
of Law, Senior Manager EY,
EFS Programme Coordinator



ILONA VAN DEN EIJNDE

Senior Manager at EY, PhD student at
the Erasmus University Rotterdam

Day 9

Thursday 26 March 2026 (online)

16.00-19.00



PROF. WALTER DE WIT

Professor Erasmus School of Law, Judge
at the Appeal Court of The Hague, EFS
Programme Director

Supply chain and VAT (session 2)



MARTIJN SCHIPPERS

Assistant Professor Erasmus School
of Law, Senior Manager EY,
EFS Programme Coordinator



ILONA VAN DEN EIJNDE

Senior Manager at EY, PhD student at
the Erasmus University Rotterdam

Day 10 Tuesday 31 March 2026 (online)

16.00-19.00

**TRUDY PERIÉ**

VAT specialist at Loyens & Loeff,
Vicechair of the Indirect tax Committee
of the Confédération Fiscale Européenne

Business restructuring and VAT (session 1)**DIMITRI KOEPRIJANOV**

PwC Indirect Tax, Lecturer University of
Amsterdam

Day 11 Thursday 2 April 2026 (online)

16.00-19.00

**TRUDY PERIÉ**

VAT specialist at Loyens & Loeff,
Vicechair of the Indirect tax Committee
of the Confédération Fiscale Européenne

Business restructuring and VAT (session 2)**DIMITRI KOEPRIJANOV**

PwC Indirect Tax, Lecturer University of
Amsterdam

Day 12 Tuesday 7 April 2026 (online)

16.00-19.00

**PROF. MADELEINE MERKX**

Partner BDO, Professor Erasmus School
of Law, Board member and Programme
Director EFS

VAT in a digital environment (session 1)**OSCAR SMEETS**

Director Indirect Tax (VAT) at Deloitte,
Lecturer at Tilburg University

Day 13 Thursday 9 April 2026 (online)

16.00-19.00

**PROF. MADELEINE MERKX**

Partner BDO, Professor Erasmus School
of Law, Board member and Programme
Director EFS

VAT in a digital environment (session 2)**OSCAR SMEETS**

Director Indirect Tax (VAT) at Deloitte,
Lecturer at Tilburg University

Day 14 Tuesday 14 April 2026 (online)

16.00-19.00

**PROF. LISETTE VAN DER HEL - VAN DIJK**

Professor Nyenrode Business University,
Strategic Advisor Dutch Tax Authorities

Indirect tax assurance**MENNO GRIFFIOEN**

Chair Expert Group Transfer Tax and
Tax Policy Advisor at the Dutch Tax
Authorities, Lecturer at Nyenrode
Business University

Day 15 Thursday 16 April 2026 (online)

16.00-17.15



PROF. MAARTEN DE WILDE
Professor Erasmus School of Law,
Partner PwC, EFS Programme Director

Responsibility and fair taxation

17.15-17.30

Coffee and tea break

17.30-19.00



PROF. ELEONOR KRISTOFFERSSON
Professor Örebro University – Sweden

Administrative cooperation in the field of VAT

1 – 8 October 2026

Verbal defence paper

Day 16 Friday 9 October 2026 (on campus)

12.30-14.45



EM. PROF. HAN KOGELS
Erasmus School of Law

**Panel session - VAT and entrepreneur strategies
in the EU**

14.45-15.00

Coffee and tea break

15.00-17.00



MILJA BORMANN-BAKKER
Partner Indirect Tax at BDO,
Program Coordinator EFS

Back to practice session



SUZANNE DEN BREEMS
Partner Ryan, Practice Leader
VAT Europe

18.00-22.00

**Dinner including awarding of
certificates at Kuyl's Fundatie**





Rotterdam

With a population of over 600,000, Rotterdam is the second largest city in the Netherlands and the centre of the Rotterdam-The Hague metropolis. Its inhabitants having over 170 different nationalities Rotterdam is a truly multicultural city. From Brazilian, Polish and Iranian restaurants to African and Asian supermarkets: you will find it in Rotterdam. Rotterdam is famous for its port, the largest of Europe. The River Maas runs through the 'skyscraper city' with its innovative, and avant-garde architecture. Behind the modern skyline, you'll find a nice, even 'cosy' historic city centre.

Its international character is also reflected in the cultural activities of the city. International art is exhibited in the Boijmans van Beuningen Museum (currently closed for refurbishment) and the Kunsthal. Depot Boijmans Van Beuningen opened in the fall of 2021 and is the first art storage facility in the world that offers access to a museum's complete collection. In January you can watch movies from all around the world during the International Film Festival. In summer you can enjoy the Summer Carnival and the North Sea Jazz festival.

Erasmus University Rotterdam

Erasmus University Rotterdam is a global, top-100 research university, where ambitious students prepare for an excellent career. Erasmus University Rotterdam is one the biggest universities in the Netherlands, with a student population of 39,000 and a research community of around 1,400. On the lively and modern campus, students are constantly encouraged to develop their talents and achieve their ambitions in international classrooms of more than 100 nationalities. Its intensive, career-oriented and research-driven studies are matched by an excellent student life in the dynamic and diverse city of Rotterdam. The university's research is strongly focused on societal impact on health, wealth, governance and culture.

EFS, Erasmus University Rotterdam

EFS, Erasmus University Rotterdam is a partnership between the tax departments of the Erasmus University Rotterdam's Schools of Law and Economics. EFS has been a leading education and research institute in the areas of international taxation and European taxation for over 30 years. The work of EFS concentrates on the operation of both indirect taxes, covering VAT and customs duties, and direct taxes, focusing on individual taxation, corporate taxation and source taxation in an international and/or European context. As well as regularly hosting academic symposia, conferences and lectures, EFS offers a wide range of post-master programmes.

General information

Dates

From Wednesday 4 March (12.30 hrs) to Thursday 16 April (19.00 hrs) 2026 and Friday 9 October 2026.

Venue

The program will be held at the Erasmus University Rotterdam campus, Woudestein and online.

Accommodation

EFS can arrange hotel accommodations for you. EFS has made arrangements with the hotel located right next to the Erasmus University. Part of that arrangement is a reduction on the room rate. If you wish to make use of this possibility please indicate this on the course registration form. EFS will then increase the course price by the cost of the hotel accommodation. Due to the agreements EFS has made with Novotel, the hotel costs are also due if the reservation for the hotel accommodation is cancelled within one month before the start of the course. If registration for hotel accommodation is made within one month before the course, EFS and Novotel cannot guarantee that a hotel room is available and a different (higher) room rate may apply. We further refer to our general terms and conditions which apply to hotel accommodation arranged by EFS for the course participant.

The amounts for hotel accommodation are as follows, per night:

4 & 5 March 2026: € 159,- / 9 October 2026: € 165,- per night (including VAT).

Fees

€ 5.950 (including course materials, lunches and dinners).

€ 6.450 upon registration on or after January 1, 2026 (including course materials, lunches and dinners).

Please note that we or you may be required to pay VAT in your country of origin. This will be charged/due on top of the price listed above. EFS applies an exemption for VAT in as far the program is subject to Dutch VAT.

Language

The programme is taught in English.

Workload

In addition to attending the program (with the exception of two sessions), you will need to allow time for proper preparation (on average, this will involve a morning for each day of tuition), as well as for writing and preparing to defend your paper.

Group size

As groups comprise a maximum of 25 participants, you can be assured of optimal and active participation.

Admission requirements

In view of the high standards set for this programme, participants are required to have an academic level of intellectual ability and at least two years of relevant work experience.

Disclaimer

EFS reserves the right to change the policy, programme, fees and other items referred to in this flyer.

Accreditation / Continuing professional development

The programme is accredited and you will therefore be eligible for continuing professional development ('Permanent Education') points, certainly if you are a member of the Dutch Association of Tax Advisers (NOB) or the RB organisation of tax advisers. We consider the completed Post-Master to count for 60 hours of professional development. You can find more information about this on the EFS website and on the website of your professional organisation.

Certificate

You will be awarded a certificate after successfully defending your paper. This will be awarded at the ceremony held to mark the end of the programme on 9 October 2026.



Contact / To apply

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