VatForge

EU VAT compliance for creators and solo SaaS founders

The EU VAT Migration Playbook

After Taxdoo — an August 2026 update for EU sellers under €500k annual revenue.

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1. Where things stand — August 2026

Taxdoo discontinued its VAT services on **30 April 2026**, exactly as announced. Their public rationale — that VAT compliance is becoming increasingly automated under ViDA (VAT in the Digital Age) and that they see more long-term value in pure accounting than in standalone VAT services — has now played out for four months.

If you're reading this in August 2026, one of four scenarios describes you:

Where you might be right now

Scenario	What to do next
A. You migrated cleanly. New provider handled Q2 2026 filing (deadline was 31 July). Reconciled against Taxdoo-era data. You're set.	Skip to Section 3 for the buyer's checklist to reassess annually, or Section 5 if you want to price-check.
B. You migrated to a stopgap. A spreadsheet, a manual process, or a tool that doesn't fit your revenue mix. Audit exposure is growing quarter by quarter.	Read Section 4 — the migration sequence still applies. Q3 2026 (deadline 31 October) is your next filing window.
C. You're on Quaderno or similar and feeling squeezed on per-transaction pricing as your volume grows.	Section 5 covers alternatives. Flat-pricing options have improved since April.
D. You didn't migrate. Missed the Q2 2026 filing, no provider in place, mounting exposure.	Priority is remediation before Q3 deadline. Talk to a fiscal representative in your primary country of registration this week.

What stays. What goes.

This part of the original April playbook remains accurate.

Stays with you	Moves with your provider
Your VAT registration numbers (they belong to you, not to any provider)	Power of Attorney for filings and authority correspondence
All your transaction data (Taxdoo export should be archived if you haven't already)	Day-to-day filing workflow and deadline calendar
Your existing filings (keep copies — audit retention is 10 years under Article 369k)	Ongoing reconciliation to CESOP-reported amounts

2. Critical dates

Date	What happens	What to do
31 July 2026	Q2 2026 OSS return deadline (past)	If missed, contact a fiscal rep this week. Voluntary disclosure typically reduces penalty exposure.
31 October 2026	**Q3 2026 OSS return deadline**	Your provider should have Q3 data flowing now. If they don't, evaluate alternatives before month-end.
1 January 2026	Belgium B2B e-invoicing became mandatory (already live)	Verify your provider handles Peppol if you sell B2B into Belgium.
January 2027	Poland KSeF phase 2 begins	Not urgent for digital-only sellers, but note for Polish B2B revenue.
July 2030	ViDA digital reporting requirements go live EU-wide	Five-year tailwind — any provider you pick now should have a public roadmap toward it.

REALITY CHECK

Most providers quote 2–8 weeks for a full migration including tax-authority notification. If you're evaluating now and want the new provider live by the Q3 deadline (31 October), you have roughly 10 weeks. Comfortable, not urgent.

3. The 10 questions every buyer should ask

Use this checklist in every sales conversation. Get the answers in writing — email is enough. Providers who struggle to answer directly are telling you something about the relationship you will have with them later.

1. Coverage — every country you're active in

Does the provider cover every EU country where Taxdoo filed for you? Get the list in writing. Watch for providers that exclude less common countries (BG, RO, HR, LT, LV, EE).

2. OSS and IOSS

If you use both Union OSS (for intra-EU B2C sales) and IOSS (for non-EU sellers shipping into EU), confirm both are in scope. Some tools handle OSS well but not IOSS, and vice versa.

3. Intrastat

If you ship physical goods above per-country thresholds (commonly €200k–€1M), confirm Intrastat filings are covered. Most digital-first tools, including VatForge, do not cover Intrastat.

4. UK VAT

If any revenue touches UK consumers, ask about UK VAT and MTD separately. UK left the EU VAT regime; most EU-only tools (including VatForge) do not cover it.

5. Filing model

Is the provider filing returns on your behalf (full-service), helping you file via e-gov APIs (assisted), or generating filing-ready data for you to submit yourself (advisory)? Each model has different pricing, liability profile, and workflow. Get the answer in writing.

6. Handover timeline

Ask for a written migration plan with specific dates: POA execution, tax authority notification, first parallel-validated filing. Expect 2–8 weeks total.

7. Historical data

Will all Taxdoo-era transactions, filings, and supporting documents be imported into the new system? For how many years? This matters if you're audited in 2027 for 2024 transactions — the EU OSS retention requirement is **10 years** under Article 369k.

8. Audit export

If a tax authority audits you next year, can the new provider generate a read-only audit pack covering both the Taxdoo era and the new era — in one file? This is where low-cost tools often disappoint.

9. Languages and support hours

Which languages does support operate in, and what are the response-time commitments? If you're in Stockholm and support is US-hours-only in English, problems in Swedish will be painful.

10. Pricing transparency

Flat subscription or per-transaction? Per-country filing fees extra? Per-registration fees? Ask for total cost of ownership at your specific transaction volume, in writing.

4. The 5-step migration sequence

If Section 1 placed you in scenario B, C, or D, run these in order.

1 Archive Taxdoo data properly. If not done, do it now.

Transactions, filings, VAT registrations, POA history, supporting documents. Store in two locations: your cloud storage and an encrypted local backup. The retention period is 10 years.

2 Shortlist three replacement providers and ask the 10 questions.

Compare their written answers side-by-side in a spreadsheet. Weight coverage, filing model, and migration timeline highest. Price last.

3 Sign power-of-attorney with your pick by mid-September.

Your new provider should have pre-filled POA templates for your countries. They file the POAs with each national tax authority. Recognition typically takes 1–3 weeks, which is why mid-September matters if you want a clean Q3 2026 filing.

4 Run parallel validation for Q3 2026.

File your Q3 OSS return through the new provider. Keep your Taxdoo-era and stopgap-era data as reconciliation reference. If amounts match within a small variance (under 0.5% is a reasonable threshold), you're cleanly migrated.

5 Archive everything in two places, permanently.

One copy in the new provider's system (as imported history). A second copy in your own encrypted cloud storage. Retention is 10 years under Article 369k. You want the data to survive anything — including the new provider itself exiting in turn.

5. Replacement providers at a glance

Honest comparison. VatForge is the publisher of this playbook — we flag that up front. The market has real alternatives and we want you to pick the right tool for your situation.

Provider	Best for	Pricing model	Key strength	Watch-out
VatForge (publisher of this playbook)	EU creators + solo SaaS under €500k, revenue across Stripe / Gumroad / Patreon / Lemon Squeezy / Substack	Flat: Free tier / €19 / €49–€79 / €199–€249 per month	Creator-native multi-platform. CESOP-aware. 10-year audit archive. MCP integration for AI assistants.	Launching **1 September 2026**. Advisory model — we prepare, you file.
Quaderno	Digital entrepreneurs, SaaS, ecommerce	Per-transaction tiers	20+ integrations, strong Stripe / Shopify	Transaction pricing can be expensive at high volume
hellotax	Amazon FBA EU sellers	Service + software	Deep Amazon FBA expertise	Amazon-focused; less suited to direct-to-consumer creators
countX	DACH ecommerce SMBs	Service + software	Direct Amazon / Shopify connections. Full-service filing.	Pricier than software-only tools. Ecommerce-focused.
Norman Finance	German freelancers + micro-SaaS	Subscription	DE-native bookkeeping + OSS	Germany-only workflow; limited outside DACH
Lovat	Cross-border sellers, 100+ countries	Subscription + filing	Broad country coverage	Complex UI. Not creator-native.
AVASK, Marosa, 1stopVAT	SMBs wanting full-service	Service-priced	Human fiscal reps, authority correspondence handled	Higher cost. Human-led, not product-led.
Paddle (merchant-of-record)	SaaS + digital sellers willing to offload VAT liability entirely	5% + $0.50 per transaction	Zero VAT liability for you	Expensive above ~€50k/year. Not usable for services

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				outside their MoR scope.

OUR HONEST TAKE

If you're a Taxdoo-era ecommerce seller with high transaction volume and physical goods, countX or hellotax are the natural full-service replacements. If you're a creator, SaaS founder, or digital-service freelancer selling across multiple platforms, evaluate VatForge or Quaderno. If you want zero VAT liability and can absorb 5% transaction fees, Paddle is worth considering. If you sell primarily in Germany, Norman Finance is worth a look.

6. About VatForge

VatForge is a creator-first EU VAT compliance dashboard built for EU-based freelancers, SaaS founders, and digital creators earning €10k–€500k per year. Flat pricing. One dashboard across Stripe, Gumroad, Substack, Patreon, and Lemon Squeezy. CESOP-aware from day one. 10-year audit archive per Article 369k.

What VatForge does (at launch, 1 September 2026)

- Tracks your €10,000 pan-EU B2C threshold in real time across every connected platform
- Applies the correct VAT rate for each of 27 EU countries at the date of supply
- Generates quarterly OSS returns for **Sweden, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, France** at launch
- Monitors your CESOP exposure — flags the 25 cross-border payments per quarter threshold before authorities do
- Live VIES verification for every B2B customer VAT number
- Article 24b two-piece evidence collection (billing address + IP-derived location)
- Deemed-supplier exclusion for Lemon Squeezy sales (Article 14a) so they don't inflate your OSS return
- MCP integration — connect Claude Desktop, ChatGPT, or Cursor to your VatForge data (read-only)
- Taxdoo-era data import + a full quarter of parallel validation
- 10-year read-only audit archive — one click, one folder

What VatForge explicitly does not do (yet)

- UK VAT / MTD (UK has its own regime — different provider)
- Intrastat reporting for physical goods (digital-first only)
- Full-service filing with POA (advisory model at launch; assisted filing via e-gov APIs on the month-6 roadmap)
- Amazon FBA-specific storage and threshold mapping (hellotax is stronger there)
- Direct invoicing module (2027 roadmap)
- SOC 2 / ISO 27001 certification today (SOC 2 Type II readiness Q1 2027, certification Q3 2027 target)

Pricing

Tier	Standard monthly	Founding 100 (first 24 months)
VAT Radar	Free	Free
EU SME Scheme	€19/mo	€19/mo
OSS Filing	€79/mo	€49/mo
VAT Operations	€249+/mo	€199/mo

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