

VAT Fraud with Mobile Phones Dismantled



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At the beginning of July 2021, an [operation](#) conducted by the Hungarian National Tax and Customs Administration (NTCA) and supported by Europol led to the seizure of assets worth €14.2 million as well as 14 arrests. The respective organised crime group had used non-existing traders to import and sell mobile phones as well as brokers to resell the phones with the aim of reclaiming VAT that was effectively never paid. The tax evasion scheme caused tax losses of about €29.8 million to the Hungarian national budget.

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