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Q.1 What are your views on the proposal to introduce real-time reporting for B2B and B2G transactions?

As a B2B business owner the collection and repayment of VAT feels like annoying busy work.
I invoice other businesses that are VAT registered including VAT,
They pay me inc VAT,
I repay that VAT,
I get invoiced by VAT registered suppliers Inc VAT
We're just moving VAT around and incurring payment fees for no reason.
VAT registered companies should easily be able to confirm VAT registration between customers and suppliers so this can be omitted and avoided.
The amount of VAT we reclaim on purchases is tiny

Q.2 What matters should be considered in planning for a transition to a new VAT Reporting system?

It should be possible to easily omit VAT charges between vat registered businesses
It should be easy to check and have historic record that you checked their vat eligibility
This should all be possible to integrate with xero and other modern tooling to avoid the need to go through ROS and other clunky systems.
It should be easier to manage payment VAT through xero and other accounting tools.
It should be easier to understand how to manage EU vs US and UK payments, subscriptions, suppliers

Q.3 If your business is currently subject to a VAT reporting programme in another EU or non-EU country, can you please share best practice, recommendations or lessons learnt?

No

Q.4 Have you any observations, concerns or recommendations on a move to mandatory electronic invoicing for B2B & B2G domestic VAT transactions?

All our invoices are created through Xero, please make it possible to do through this without any weird proprietary extra softwares.
I would be more than happy to have a sync between xero and ROS that mirrored our invoices and invoice history. I could see this making auditing easier.

Q.5 Revenue is particularly interested in hearing views from businesses that are already engaged in eInvoicing Public Bodies within Ireland or engaged in B2B eInvoicing throughout Europe and beyond. How did you prepare and what challenges prevailed in your preparations for eInvoicing?

We use xero but don't have any direct link between biller / supplier

Q.6 What suggestions would you offer in Ireland’s arrangements for a mandatory B2B and B2G eInvoicing programme?

Make it easy
Work with existing software providers - xero, sage, etc

Q.7 Revenue are cognisant that small businesses may have different perspectives and requirements to large businesses, so what information prompts would you find useful for businesses in completing the VAT return?

Any guidance or systems that help generate vat returns when integrated with an accounting system would greatly reduce the need for specialists