

WU Tax Law Technology Course

Principles of Tax and Customs Law Technology in ERP Systems like SAP Tax Compliance



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Course Overview

This course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of **process languages, data management, and tax compliance within ERP systems**, focusing on **BPMN** and **SAP** applications. Starting with three introductory online sessions to make sure all participants can start out from a similar level, these learnings will be consolidated to understand **BPMN as a foundation for ERP process landscapes**, covering business and tax process formats, and practical examples like VAT monthly declarations. Participants will gain insights into BPMN procedures and the impact of tax processes on ERP and SAP applications.

Data management is emphasized for automation, teaching participants to **organize and design data** for feasible use cases. The course covers data availability, adding metadata for tax compliance, and the pros and cons of SAP-ERP in tax environments, including data retrieval for tax and customs purposes.

Practical examples will illustrate **automation** topics, and participants will learn about standard ERP tools. A session on tax compliance will highlight SAP Fiori's user-friendliness and process efficiency, providing a list of tax and customs processes and automation techniques.

The course also covers **integrating tax compliance in ERP systems**, creating KPIs, and the impact of tax compliance automation, including the use of „tags“ and ERP systems for tax and customs compliance. By the end, participants will be equipped with practical knowledge to apply in their professional environments.



The **WU Tax Law Technology Center** at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, WU Vienna University for Economics and Business was established in 2022 by a group of tax law professors and researchers as a study platform to respond to new challenges which digital economy brings in the field of tax and customs. Some of them have predominantly gained practical experience from business environment.

The **Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law** is the largest institution of its kind worldwide. As well as being active in research and teaching activities at WU Vienna, the Institute with approx. 90 staff members and many visiting professors and guest researchers is involved in national and international research projects and therefore has an excellent worldwide reputation. Being the hub for the international tax community, the Institute offers a unique academic platform for significant, innovative and inspiring tax-related research.

General Information



The course consists of two elements:

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| March 17-21, 2025 | three preparatory online sessions of 90 minutes |
| March 25-26, 2025 | one and a half days on-site at WU Vienna |

The course is held entirely in English. In order to guarantee a high degree of interactivity, the course is strictly limited to a maximum of 30 participants.

Content and Structure

ONLINE SESSIONS

MARCH 17-21, 2025

- Session 1 **Tax compliance, processes in ERP, SAP systems**
Olivia Vorstheim (SAP) & WU Tax Law Technology Center
- Session 2 **Principles for SAP Finance, Tax applications**
Olivia Vorstheim (SAP) & WU Tax Law Technology Center
- Session 3 **Basics for tax compliance in SAP**
Olivia Vorstheim (SAP) & WU Tax Law Technology Center

ON-SITE SESSIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

- 09.00-10.30 **Introduction, tax processes, BPMN**
Olivia Vorstheim (SAP) & WU Tax Law Technology Center
- 11.00-12.30 **Data in SAP-ERP applications for financial, tax & customs**
Olivia Vorstheim (SAP) & WU Tax Law Technology Center
- 13.30-15.00 **SAP-ERP Tax process documentation templates**
Timo Beddig & Alexander Zanft (greenfield group)
- 15.30-17.00 **SAP-ERP Fiori Apps & tags for further automation**
Timo Beddig & Alexander Zanft (greenfield group)
- 19.00 **Dinner**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

- 09.00-10.30 **SAP-ERP applications for financial, tax & customs**
Timo Beddig & Alexander Zanft (greenfield group)
- 11.00-13.00 **Recap and learnings**
Timo Beddig & Alexander Zanft (greenfield group) & WU Tax Law Technology Center



Vienna Certificate in Tax Law Technology

This course is part of the **Vienna Certificate in Tax Law Technology**.

The **Vienna Certificate in Tax Law Technology** is a certificate program using practical scenarios to teach participants when and how to use the core technologies of digitalization. Emphasis is placed on practical applications for companies, tax advisors, and tax and customs administration who wish to build their technology skills, as well as for technologists who wish to expand their knowledge of taxation matters relating to technology.

The program „Vienna Certificate in Tax Law Technology“ consists of **six modules**, starting with four course blocks, one for each quarter of the year. The first half of the year provides insights into the latest developments in ERP systems such as SAP Tax Compliance, as well as advancements in AI, focusing on Microsoft Copilot & Power Platform, GPTs, and Large Language Models (LLMs) in general. The second half then examines the impact of the Tax Control Framework on tax risk management and e-tax audits, concluding with a reflection and implementation of the learnings from modules 1-3 in use cases.

After completing the first four modules, modules 5 and 6 involve the preparation of a case study and an academic paper on a chosen topic related to tax and customs law technology application problems or opportunities.

The candidate will receive the **Vienna Certificate in Tax Law Technology** upon successful completion of the following six modules:

1. PRINCIPLES OF TAX AND CUSTOMS LAW TECHNOLOGY IN ERP SYSTEMS LIKE SAP TAX COMPLIANCE

2. INNOVATIVE LANGUAGE MODELS (LLM) LIKE CHATGPT AND AI IN COMBINATION WITH MICROSOFT COPILOT

3. TAX CONTROL FRAMEWORK & TAX RISK MANAGEMENT, E-TAX AUDITS SUPPORTED BY BI & AI

4. TAX REPORTING & ANALYSIS, PRINCIPLES OF TAX AND CUSTOMS LAW TECHNOLOGY

5. CASE STUDY

A **case study** containing a specific use case application should be solved by the candidate. This case study will be provided and supervised by the experts of the WU Tax Law Technology Center.

6. TECHNICAL PAPER

A **paper**, in the form of a technical article (approx. 8,000–10,000 words) should be prepared by the candidate in English. The topic of this technical paper will be agreed by the candidate together with the experts of the WU Tax Law Technology Center, who will supervise.

Target Group

The program is aimed at professionals around the world who want to develop or enhance their digital skills and gain a basic understanding of technology. These include tax, transfer pricing and customs professionals (accountants, economists, and lawyers), in-house tax and finance staff of international companies, government officials, academics with a tax and/or legal background and technologists with a keen interest in tax matters relating to technology.

Registration

Please register on our website:



<https://short.wu.ac.at/8yh4>

PARTICIPATION FEE

The course fee is EUR 1,700.-

A 10% “**early bird discount**” is applicable to applications received by February 25, 2025.

This fee covers course participation, all course materials, lunch, coffee breaks, refreshments, and a dinner. Costs of travel and accommodation are not covered by the course fee.

The course materials will be provided as downloads (available on the first day of the course).

PAYMENT

You will receive an invoice for the participation fee of EUR 1,700 (or of EUR 1,530 in case of application of the early bird discount.). We kindly ask you to transfer your payment within three weeks of the date of the invoice.

CANCELLATION

Any notification of cancellation of registration must be sent in writing. In case of cancellation before **March 10, 2025**, the participation fee will be refunded. No refund can be made for cancellations received after this date.

PHOTOS

We would like to inform you that this event will be photographed. Photos will be used to inform the public about the activities of the Institute. This includes our website, social media channels and print materials. Should you not wish to be photographed, we kindly ask you to avoid the camera and/or inform Claudia Mühlberger (claudia.muehlberger@wu.ac.at).

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