SAP Business ByDesign
Localization Toolkit

About Using the Generic Tax Return

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1. Overview

The ***Generic Tax Return*** feature is used for tax reporting purposes for countries that are not localized in SAP Business ByDesign. This is a payment-relevant tax return type.

For more information about generic tax returns, see:

- Generic Tax Return as Tax Return Type

(The online help provides you with the list of countries for which a generic tax return is available. In case your country is not listed, you can contact SAP for delivery of the generic tax return for your country.)

The generic tax return selects all tax events for a country. When you release a tax return of type ***Generic Tax Return***, the system performs all related postings to clear the input and output tax accounts against a tax liability account for the tax items in the given period.

Current Considerations:

- There is only one tax return type per country.
- "999 – Tax Return" is supported.
- The data provided is not presented according to the reporting requirements of the country (e.g. tax boxes). Amounts are available per tax event and not according to reporting criteria.

You have to manually summarize the amounts, for example, according to tax boxes, outside the system.

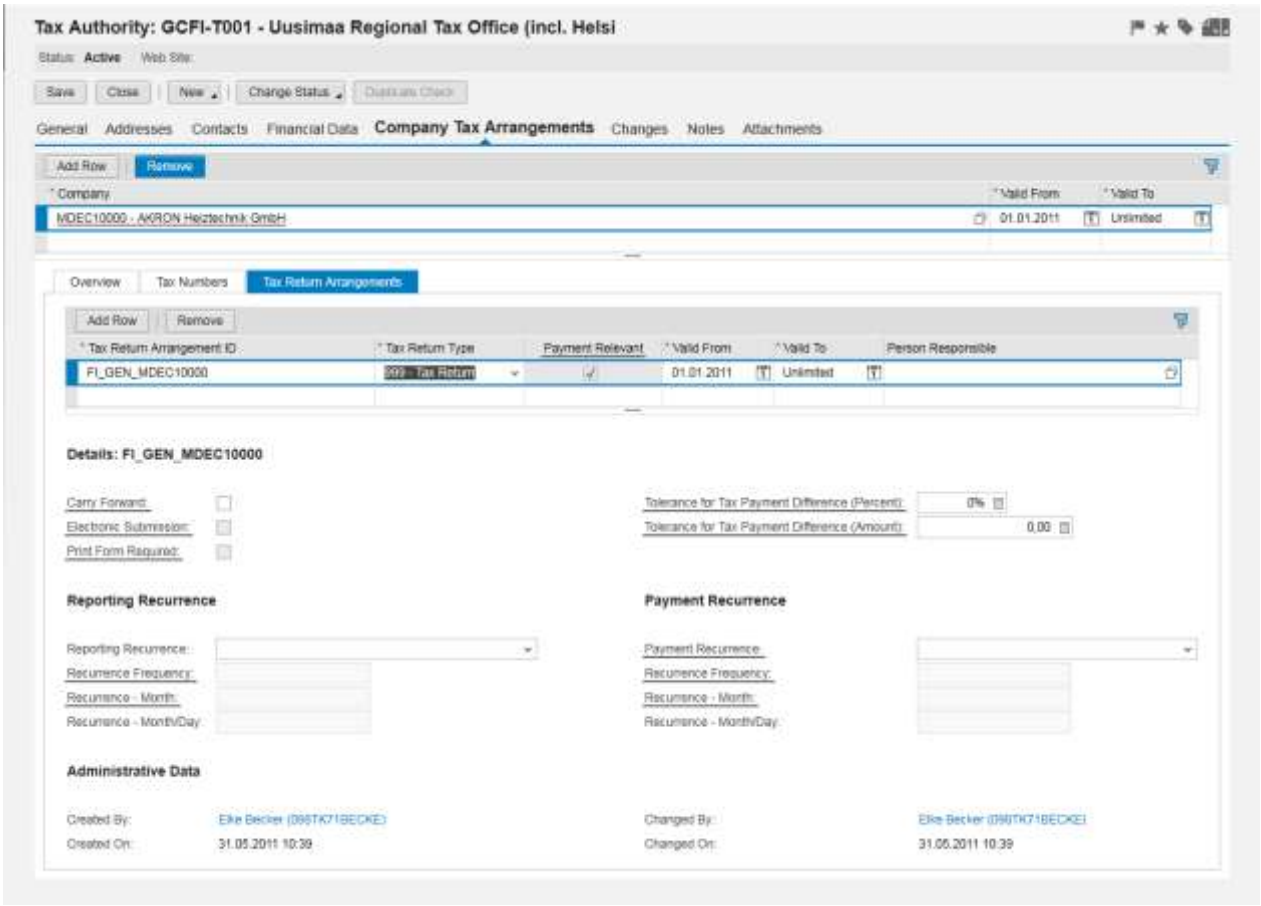
The long-term goal of the Toolkit is to enable partners to create additional tax returns using the SAP Cloud Applications studio.

2. Using Generic Tax Returns

This section describes how to use the generic tax return feature for Finland.

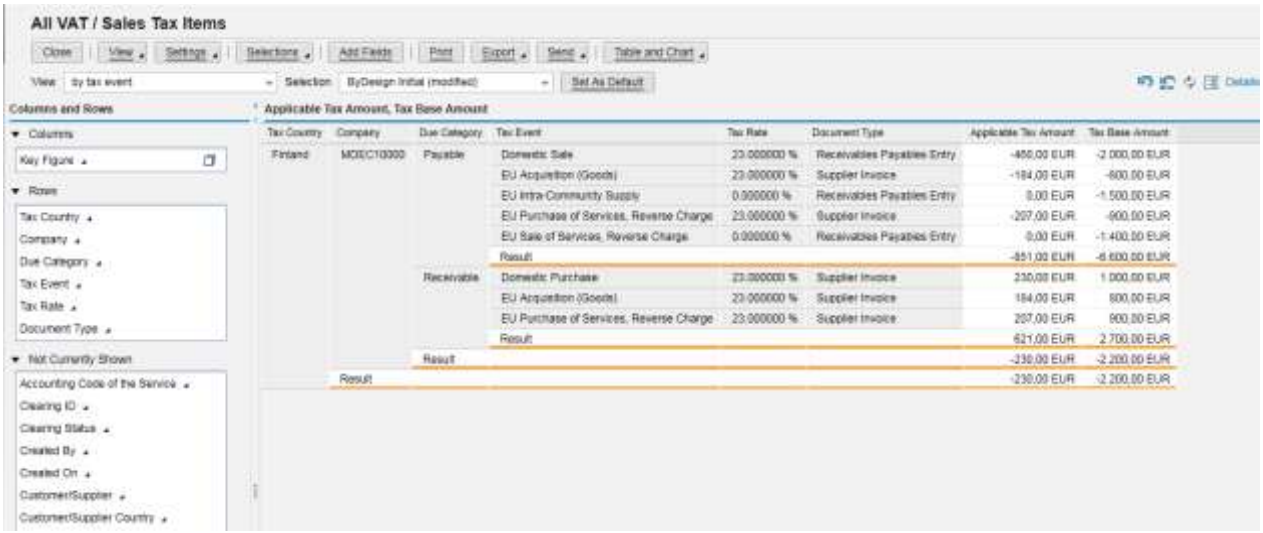
2.1 Tax Authority

You must set up a tax authority for Finland that contains a tax return arrangement for tax return type “999 – Tax Return” (this is the so-called “generic tax return”).



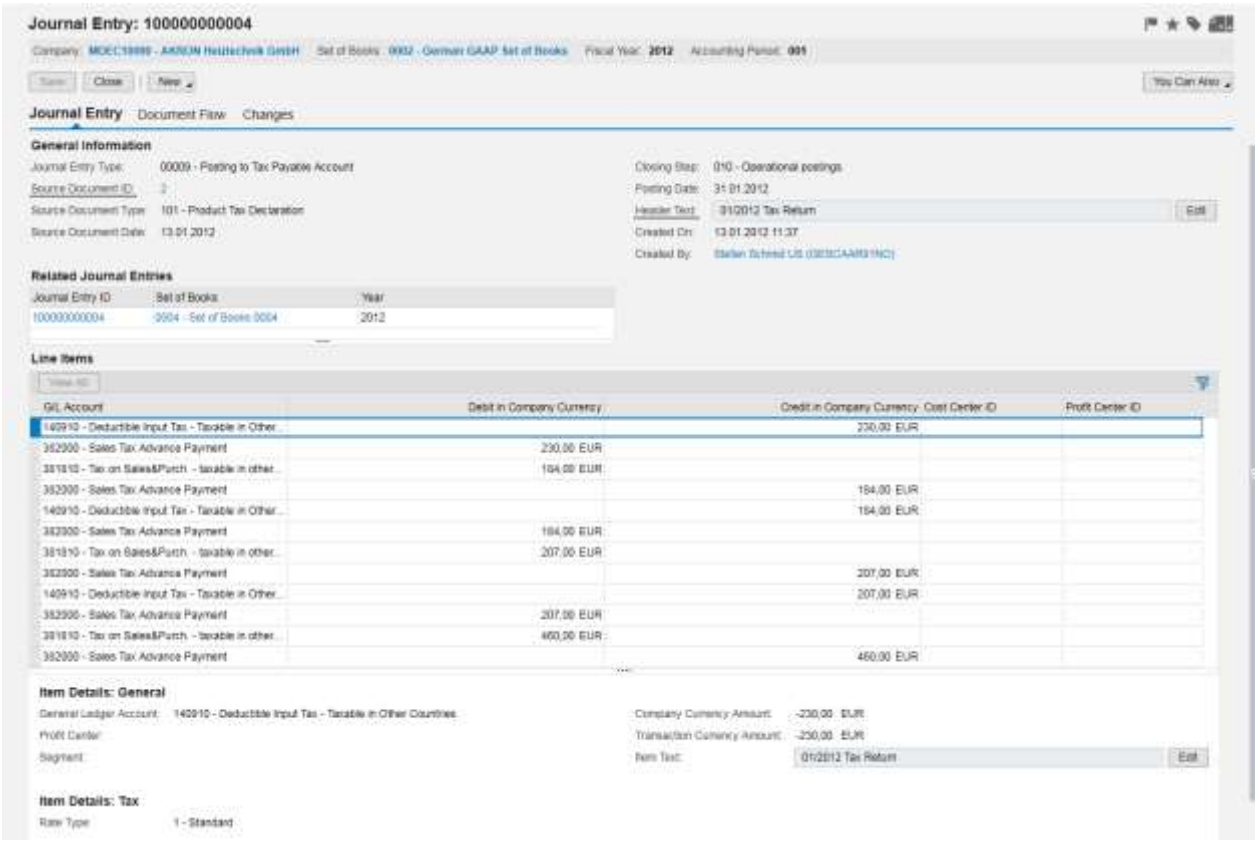
2.2 Period VAT Return

You create VAT items for tax country ***Finland*** (for example, Supplier or Customer Invoices or Manual Postings). The report ***All VAT /Sales Tax Items*** in our example for tax country Finland looks like the following before creating the generic tax return:

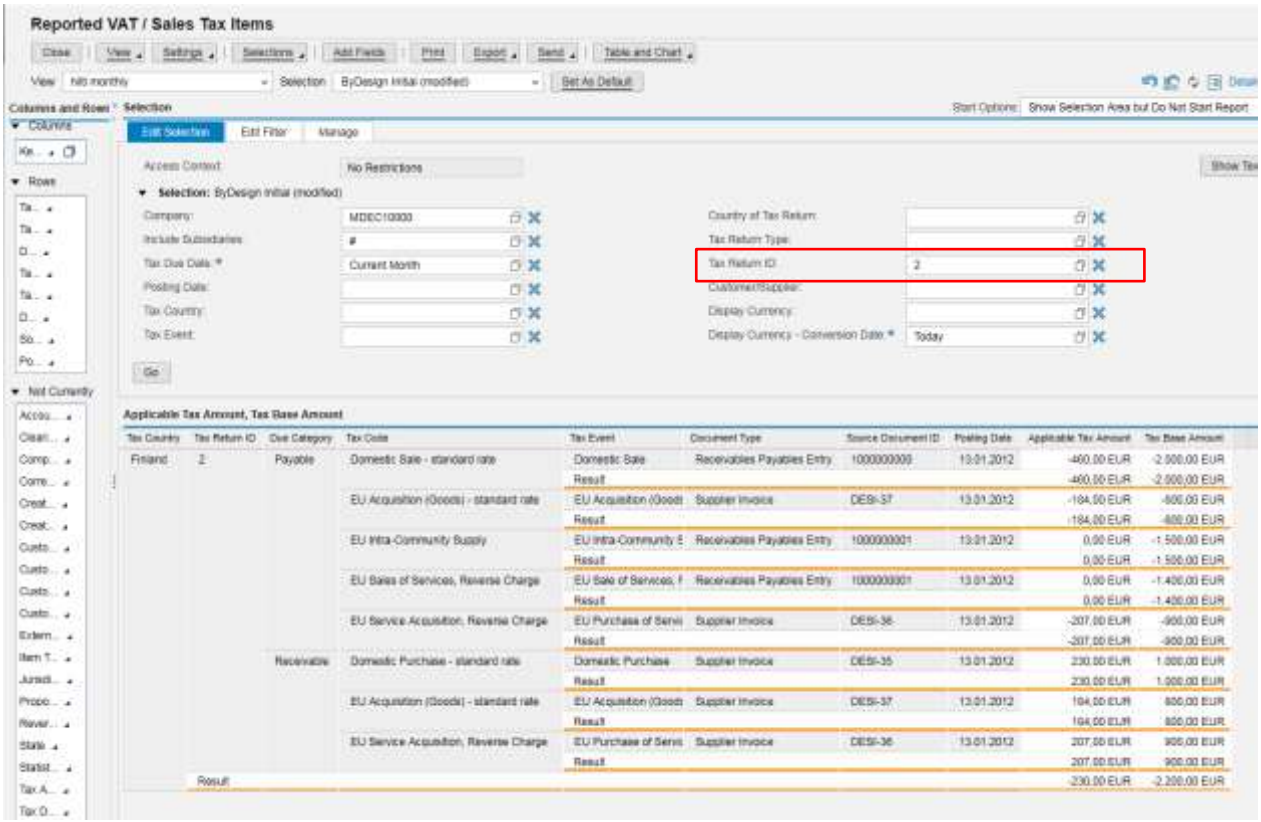


The Generic Tax Return for Finland based on the above-shown data looks like this. The items are grouped by due category and tax event.

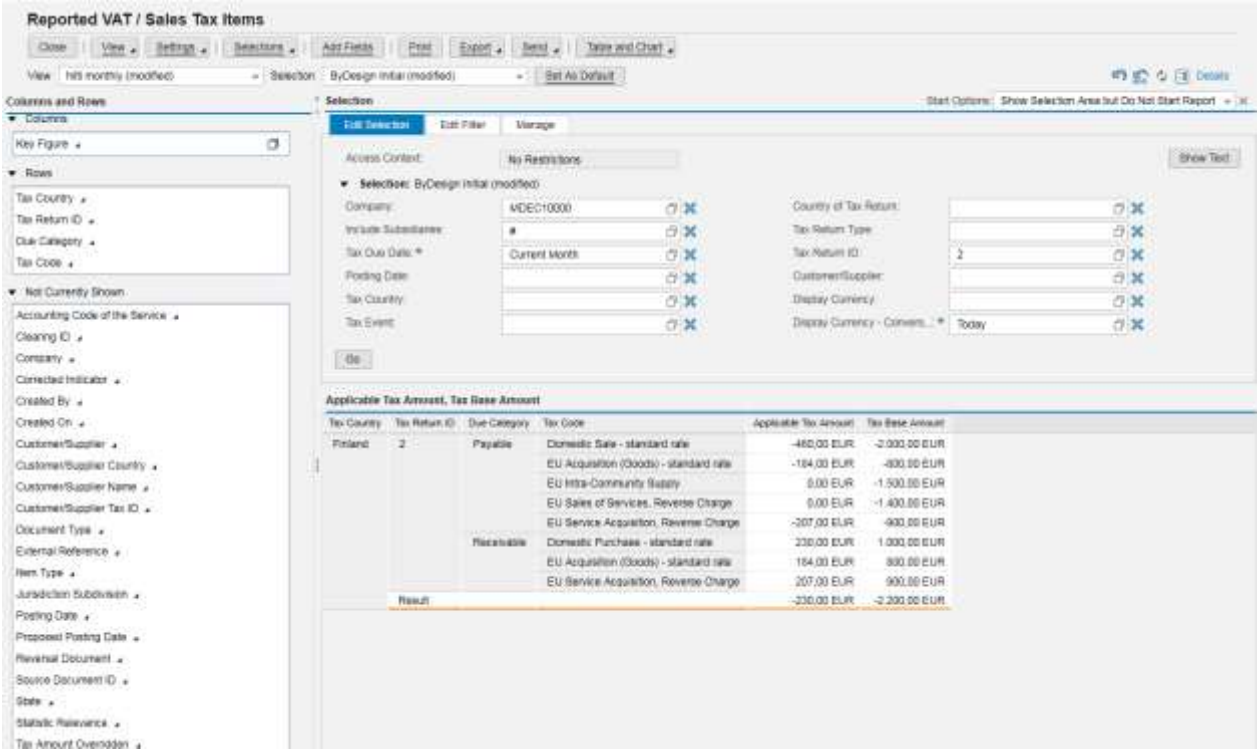
If you release the generic tax return, the system offsets the input/output tax accounts and posts the balances to the tax payable account (which is the reconciliation account of the tax authority).



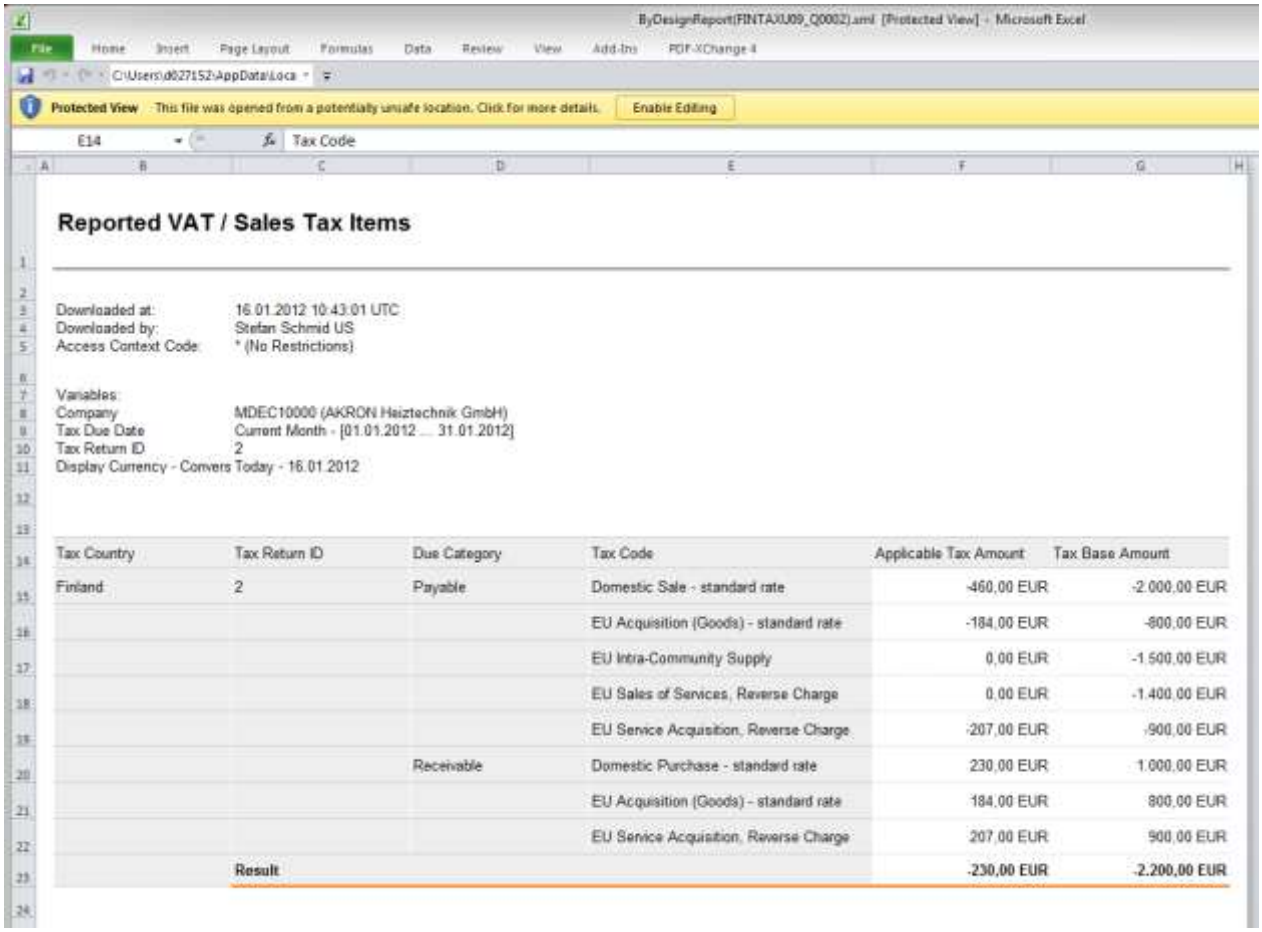
In the report ***Reported VAT / Sales Tax Items***, choose the ID of the released tax return in the selection screen. This shows all items that are selected by this tax return. In this report, you can group the items by all available parameters and create summary lines.



You can also view the tax code. The example below is an aggregated view of all items based on tax code and due category.



You can either use this report (grouping, subtotalling, filtering, additional fields, and so on) or download this item list into Micrsoft Excel™ to finalize the data. All figures that are sent to the tax authority are based on this.



Reported VAT / Sales Tax Items

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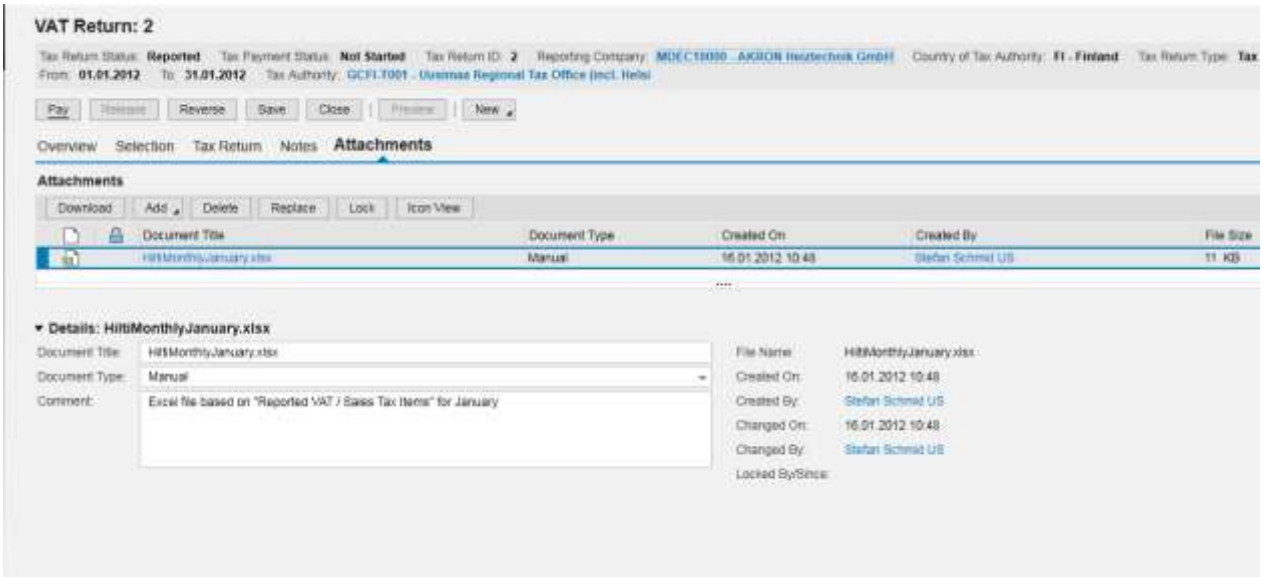
Downloaded by: Stefan Schmid US
Access Context Code: * (No Restrictions)

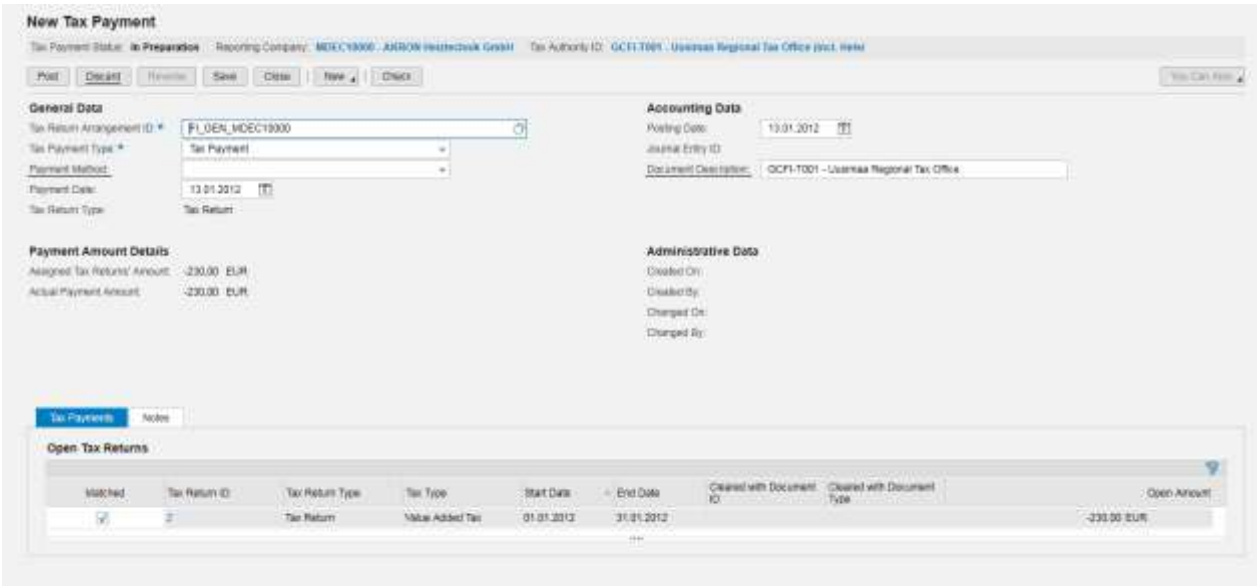
Variables:
Company: MDEC10000 (AKRON Haiztechnik GmbH)
Tax Due Date: Current Month - [01.01.2012 ... 31.01.2012]
Tax Return ID: 2
Display Currency - Convers Today - 16.01.2012

Tax Country	Tax Return ID	Due Category	Tax Code	Applicable Tax Amount	Tax Base Amount
Finland	2	Payable	Domestic Sale - standard rate	-460,00 EUR	-2.000,00 EUR
			EU Acquisition (Goods) - standard rate	-184,00 EUR	-800,00 EUR
			EU Intra-Community Supply	0,00 EUR	-1.500,00 EUR
			EU Sales of Services, Reverse Charge	0,00 EUR	-1.400,00 EUR
			EU Service Acquisition, Reverse Charge	-207,00 EUR	-900,00 EUR
		Receivable	Domestic Purchase - standard rate	230,00 EUR	1.000,00 EUR
			EU Acquisition (Goods) - standard rate	184,00 EUR	800,00 EUR
			EU Service Acquisition, Reverse Charge	207,00 EUR	900,00 EUR
	Result			**-230,00 EUR**	**-2.200,00 EUR**

For auditing reasons, the file can be uploaded as an attachment to the tax return.



The payment of the generic tax return works in the same way as for other tax returns; you can either trigger a payment from the Tax Management work center, or you can assign a payment from the Payment Management work center to the tax return.



2.3 Yearly VAT Return

If a country has a separate annual tax return, in addition to monthly tax returns, you can handle it in the following way. There is no possibility to create two tax return arrangements based on a generic tax return, one for monthly and the other for annual. The proposed solution works as follows:

1. Create 12 tax returns to meet the requirements of the monthly tax returns (follow the steps as described above).
2. For the annual tax return, create and release a thirteenth tax return for the whole year, but with the same tax return arrangement. This tax return selects all items that have not been reported by any of the monthly tax returns.
3. Open the report, ***Reported VAT / Sales Tax Items,*** and enter the IDs of the thirteen tax returns of the year in the selecion screen.
4. With the selected data, continue in the same way as described above.

3. Further Links

For more information, see:

- VAT Returns Quick Guide
- VAT Return Runs Quick Guide

4. Future Outlook

This section provides an outlook into the future direction we want to achieve with the Toolkit enablement in the tax reporting area.

Caution:

The realization and timing of the future outlook depends on future release planning and strategy and is therefore subject to change. As such, any intention outlined here is not reliable and may change without further notice.

4.1 Overall Goal

The overall goal is to open up tax-return related objects so that partners can create a tax return for non-localized countries.

This means that in the SAP Cloud Applications studio, partners can create a new tax return type for a non-localized country. They can then define the mappings for tax events and tax types to the newly-created tax return type. They can also define tax boxes, if the return is a summary return, or define grouping criteria if the return is a group type return.

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