FAQ Norway VAT refund for ASME

1. Why am I paying a VAT on the conference Registration Fees and Exhibition booths?

You are paying a Value Added Tax (VAT) on the registration fees and exhibition booths because it is required by the Norwegian VAT Law.

2. Can the VAT be recovered?

Possibly. Only business companies can claim back the Norwegian VAT. To recover the VAT you must provide the details of your company - name, address, VAT number or Tax ID - for all expense invoices and submit all <u>original documentation</u> to your company for its processing. This includes such things as Registration, exhibition booth or Lodging invoices.

Pay attention that the VAT refund is not accepted on certain expenses like catering, costs relating to the hiring of function rooms in connection with catering, business entertainment, gifts, goods and services for distribution for advertising purposes or goods purchased for private use.

3. What process should companies follow to recover the VAT?

The companies must submit their application with <u>form RF-1032BE</u>. The form must be completed in Norwegian, Swedish, Danish or English, using block capitals, and sent with the original invoices and the required documentation* to:

Skatt øst – Moss, Refusjon Postboks 103 1501 Moss Norway

*Pay attention that the application for VAT refund must be supported by a Certificate from public authority in the applicant's home country which confirms that the applicant was engaged in commercial activity during the application period. (For US Businesses, it can be the IRS form 6166)

The deadline for submitting applications relating to the previous year is 30 June. There are also minimum VAT amounts that must be met.

The VAT refund must be at least NOK 2,000, unless the period ends 31 December, in which case the minimum amount is NOK 200. Please note that these amounts refer to ALL the VAT from the expenses incurred FROM ALL ITS EMPLOYEES in Norway for this congress and any other business-related VAT incurred in Norway.