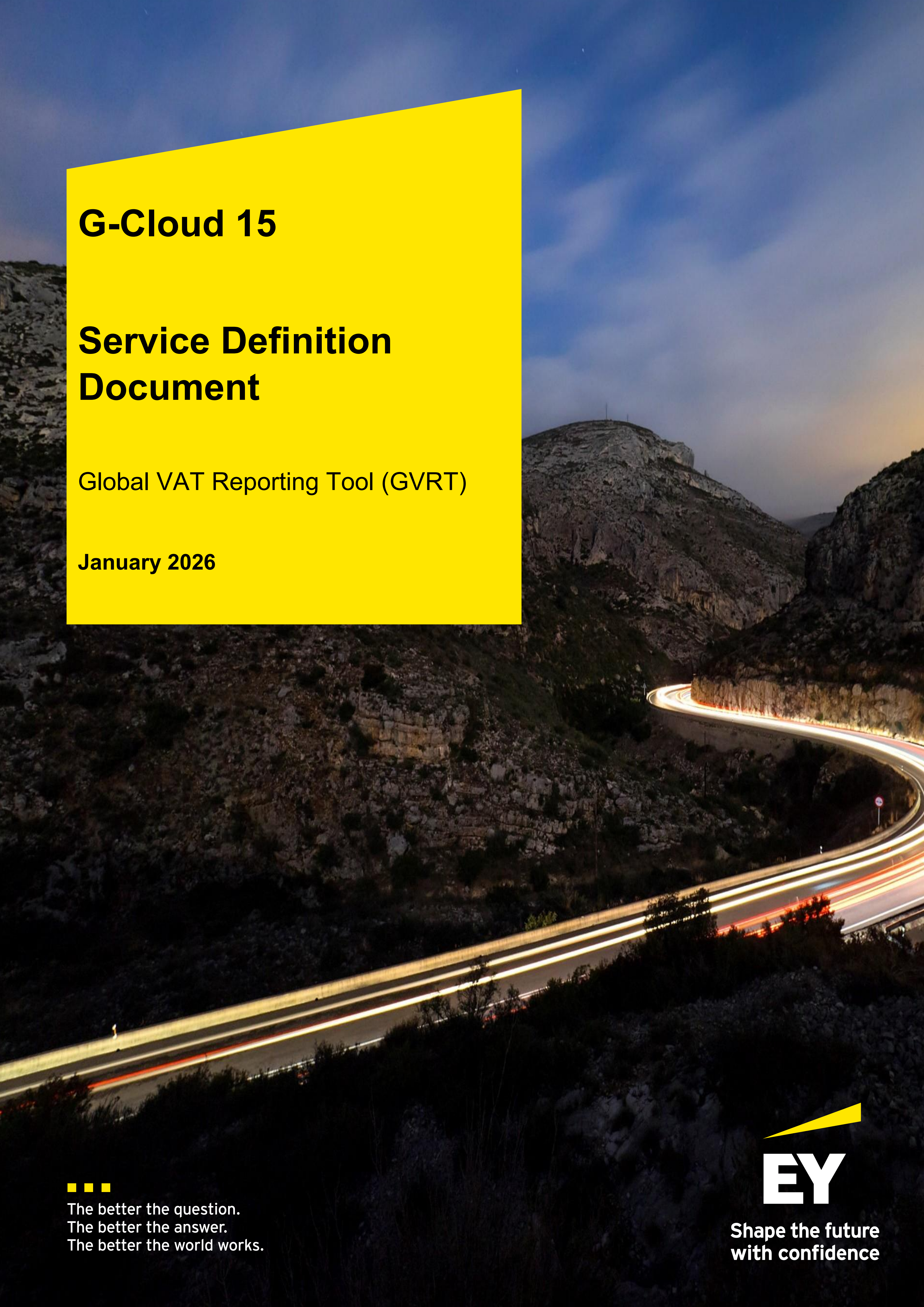

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# Service Definition Document

Global VAT Reporting Tool (GVRT)

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**Introduction to GVRT**

The EY Global VAT Reporting Tool is a cloud hosted end-to-end global Value Added Tax (VAT) and Goods and Services Tax (GST) reporting solution that redefines and globally standardises the preparation, production, and reporting process. It is an EY cloud hosted global compliance solution which automates the preparation of indirect tax returns.

The key features of the **GVRT** service includes:

- Cloud hosted solution accessible anywhere via the web
- Return mapping and other tax technical content maintained by EY teams
- Transactional data loading from a range of sources
- Automatic checking of the tax technical accuracy of transactions
- Anomalies are highlighted to focus review time on corrective actions
- End-to-end digital audit trail of returns and working files
- Obligation and deadline tracking via built-in dashboards and process tracking
- Management dashboards for VAT metrics, KPIs, error rates, supply chain etc.

Through this **GVRT** service, organisations will be able to:

- Eliminate the manual and time intensive indirect tax preparation process
- Keep pace with the increasing number and complexity of indirect tax compliance obligations in the UK and globally
- Provide authorities with increased and more accurate indirect tax reporting data
- Avoid incorrect tax returns resulting in fines and penalties
- Meet indirect tax requirements and reporting needs

**GVRT** provides the following core filing outputs:

- VAT/GST returns
- EC Sales Lists
- Intrastat
- Supplementary filings
- Audit pack

**GVRT Service Description**

Integrated within GVRT is a powerful tax technical testing engine capable of identifying anomalies by reviewing the VAT treatment applied to transactions against highly customisable parameters, covering general VAT checks and business specific scenarios. Returns are mapped automatically and are reviewed and finalised within a defined control framework, supported by a well-documented end-to-end digital audit trail.

There are five core components of our global VAT and GST reporting tool (Figure 1):

1. **Transactional data is uploaded** – from multiple accounting and finance systems directly into the tool
2. **Data undergoes complex testing** – defined data checks applied to confirm correct VAT/GST liability (including customised checks to deal with local country or sector variations and business-specific trade profiles)
3. **Detailed audit packs are created** – supporting a reviewer to revalue transactions with alternative VAT/GST codes, track changes and repost schedules for corrections to be made at source

4. **VAT/GST returns are produced** – covering all types, all formats, and all returns, with full-line reconciliation between different types of tax returns such as VAT, Intrastat, and balance sheet VAT accounts
5. **Dashboard reporting and visualisation** – big data analysis of transactional level data, including monitoring of submissions and payments/refunds. Visual trend analysis highlighting potential savings and facilitating management decisions

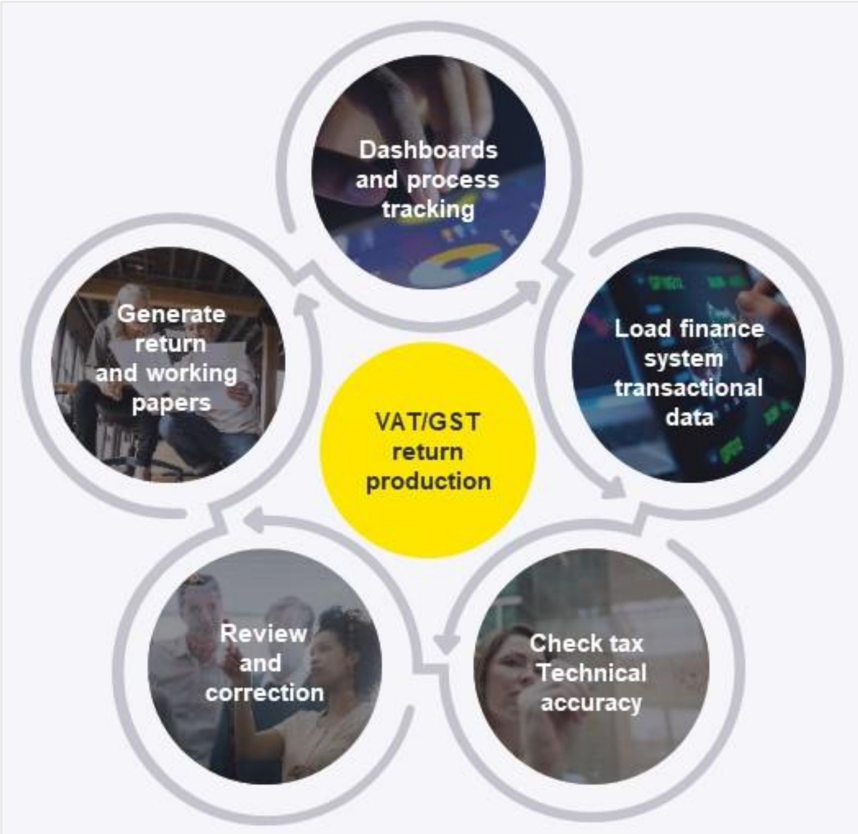


*Figure 1 – Global VAT Reporting Tool Core Components*

**Benefits of GVRT**

There are several key benefits to organisations using GVRT:

► **Using industry standard technology tools to solve problems encountered with indirect tax reporting**

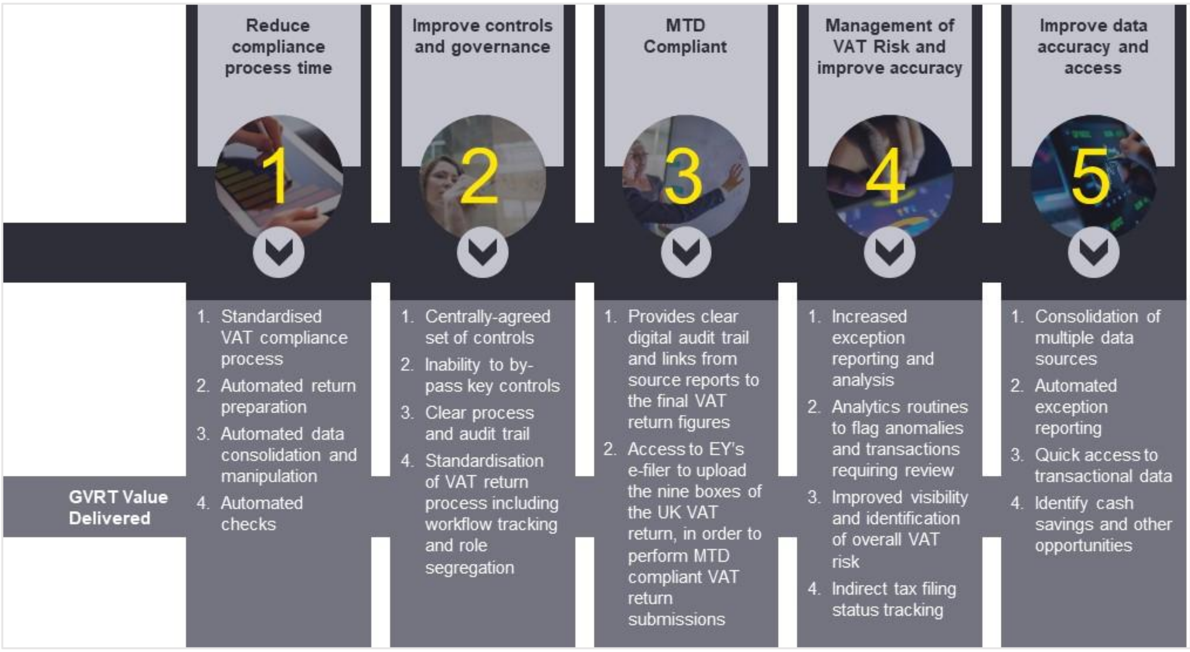


*Figure 2 – Global VAT Reporting Tool Value Drivers*

### ► Being compliant and fully informed at the same time

**Features overview**

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| 1 | Standard interface to load ERP data | ✓ | 11 | Production of upload file for additional indirect tax filing obligations in required local formats | ✓ |
| 2 | Automated compliance data validation, checks and reconciliations | ✓ | 12 | Creation of Intrastat and statistical declarations | ✓ |
| 3 | Customised VAT/GST technical testing | ✓ | 13 | Archiving | ✓ |
| 4 | Tracking and full audit trail of data validation, corrections and adjustments | ✓ | 14 | Tax calendar functionality | ✓ |
| 5 | **Brexit Ready** | ✓ | 15 | VAT group functionality | ✓ |
| 6 | Reporting of errors and findings | ✓ | 16 | Option to migrate historical data | ✓ |
| 7 | End to end compliance process tracking | ✓ | 17 | Data export to Excel and CSV | ✓ |
| 8 | Automated management dashboards | ✓ | 18 | Configuration guides or data maintenance documentation | ✓ |
| 9 | Online filing where mandatory (i.e., UK) | ✓ | 19 | Customised user manuals | ✓ |
| 10 | Creating official VAT/GST returns | ✓ | 20 | User roles control and setup | ✓ |

*Figure 3 – Global VAT Reporting Tool Key Features*

### ► Being fully compliant with the UK's Making Tax Digital (MTD) requirements

There are three core requirements in the UK for MTD:

- **Digital records** – HMRC require taxpayers to keep and preserve digital VAT records through functional compatible software.
- **Digital journey** – HMRC require taxpayers to have a clear 'digital journey' from source systems to VAT return filings, with minimal manual intervention. This is HMRC's focus, and the area of concern to most businesses. Many businesses currently download data

from their ERP systems into MS Excel then manually prepare the UK VAT returns in MS Excel which is not MTD compliant.

- **Digital submission** – HMRC require taxpayers to submit their VAT returns through an Application Programming Interface (API) to HMRC.
- GVRT can help you comply with the MTD ‘digital journey’ requirements and includes as part of the core offering our HMRC approved ‘E-filer’ to enable digital submission under MTD. HMRC also maintains a full audit trail and end-to-end digital link from source data to submission of the VAT return. The use of GVRT ensures compliance with the specific requirements of MTD as illustrated in Figure 4 below.

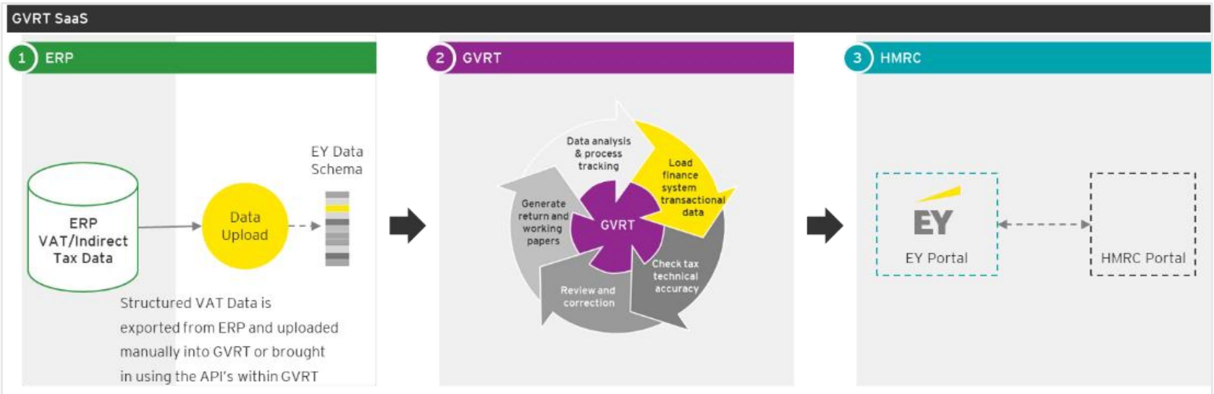


*Figure 4 – Global VAT Reporting Tool Digital Journey*

### ► Bespoke functions tailored to public sector entities

EY has designed a bespoke version of GVRT to meet the specific VAT reporting requirements of Section 41 bodies in the UK. This version includes the VAT 21 form which must be submitted alongside the VAT return and includes the refunds of VAT under the Contracted Out Services (COS) Direction pertinent to Central Government and NHS organisations.

We have designed sector specific tests to capture HMRC guidance and VAT legislative rulings to provide consistency and efficiency. In addition, we can agree as part of our implementation to design client specific tests which should reduce the administrative time to complete the VAT return (VAT 100) and VAT 21.

The dashboard and process tracking functionality will empower your in-house Finance and Tax team to monitor progress and submission of each VAT return and enable the creation of infographics, trend analysis and summary information to share with Senior and Executive colleagues.

### ► Select from our flexible compliance operating models powered by EY GVRT

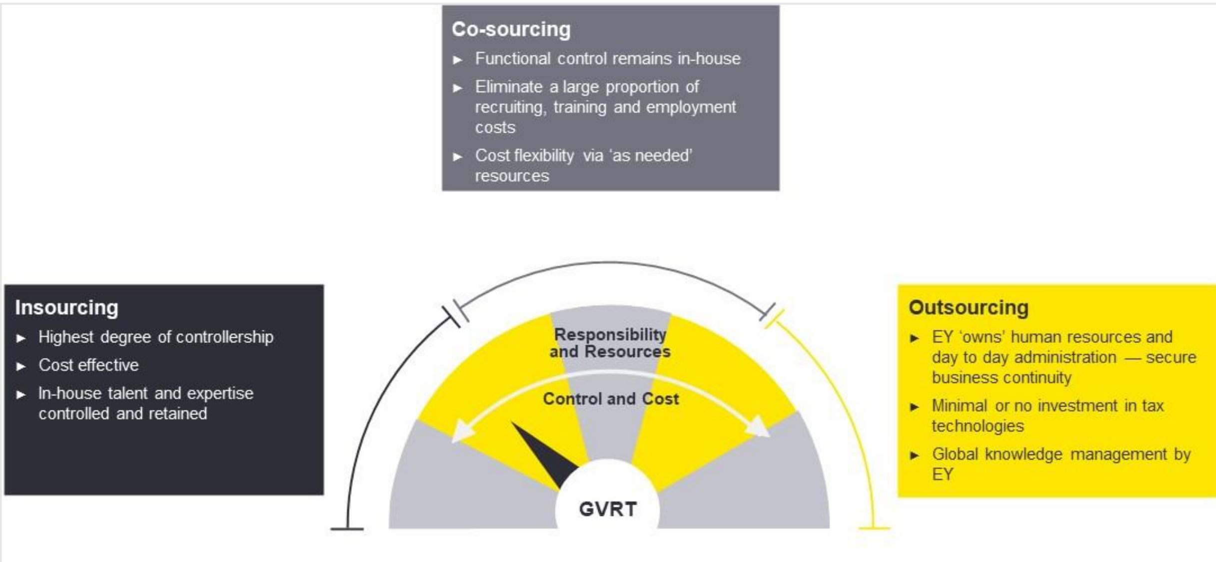


*Figure 5 – Global VAT Reporting Tool Operating Models*

### ► Select from the additional implementation activities in GVRT

We have set out below additional and optional implementation activities that our clients typically find helpful alongside implementation of GVRT.

The intention of these four optional activities is to complement a successful GVRT implementation to support an organisation's overall VAT/GST compliance process and fully leverage the capabilities EY can offer as outlined in Figure 6.

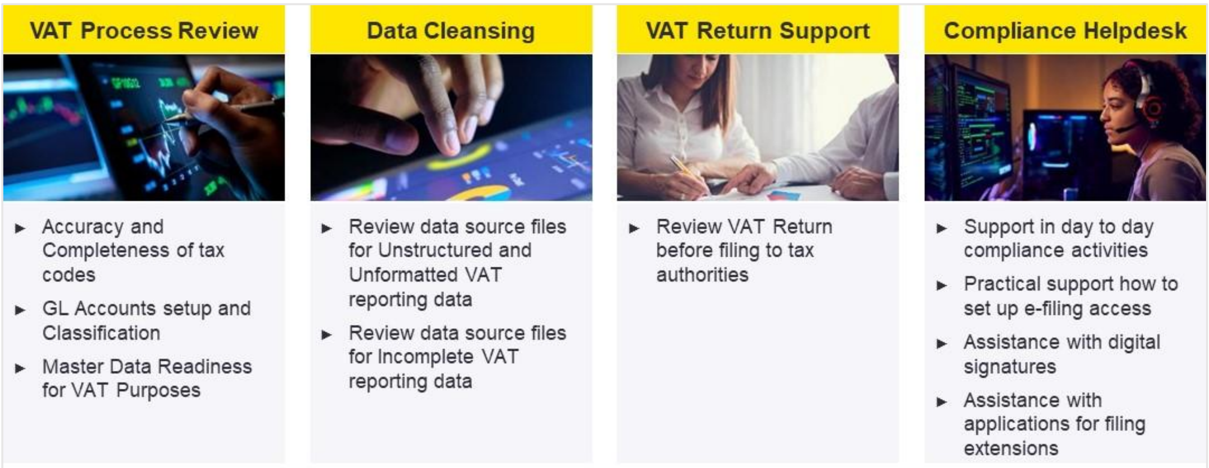


*Figure 6 – Global VAT Reporting Tool Additional Activities*

## GVRT Pricing

The cost of GVRT consists of two parts:

1. **Implementation and Support**

   The implementation fee typically depends on a number of factors including the volume of data sources, data quality, scope (i.e., number of entities/countries), returns in scope (VAT returns, VAT 21 forms, ECSL, Intrastat) and whether bespoke tax technical testing or custom dashboards are required. We will calculate our implementation fee in accordance with the G-Cloud 15 Framework rate card.

## 2. Annual Licence Fee

The GVRT licence fee gives our clients the right to access and use the tool themselves utilising its key features and functionalities including the dashboards. The licence fee is £8,000 per annum, per entity, per country and covers up to a maximum of 15,000 transactions per month (or 180,000 transactions per annum). The licence fee is exclusive of VAT.

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