

# IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONALLY RECOMMENDED SOLUTIONS IN A NATIONAL CONTEXT

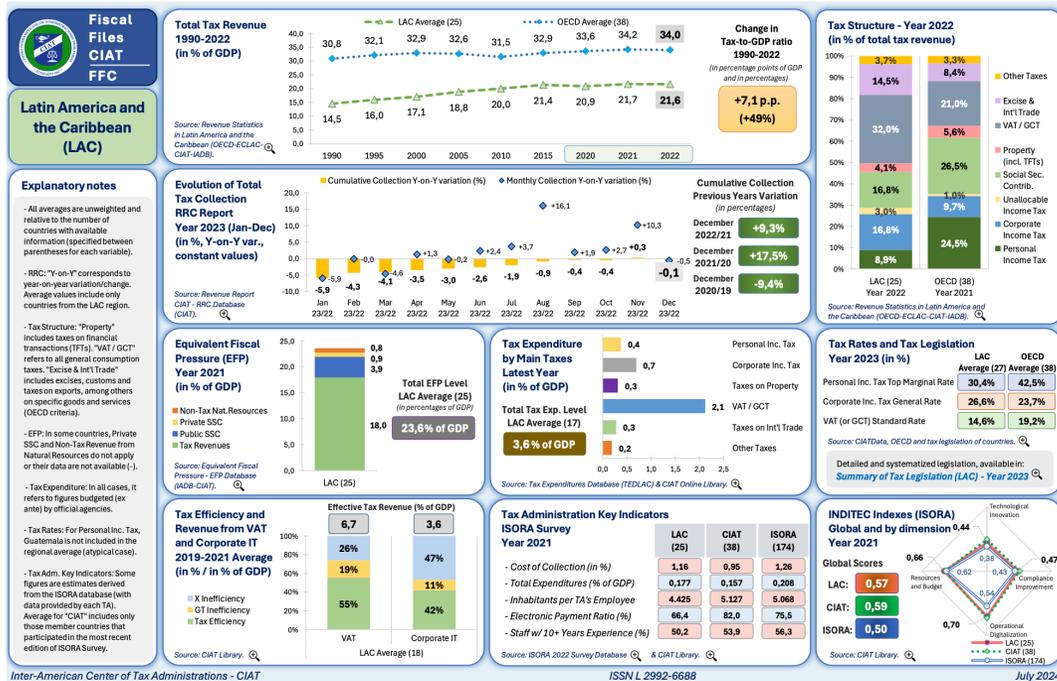
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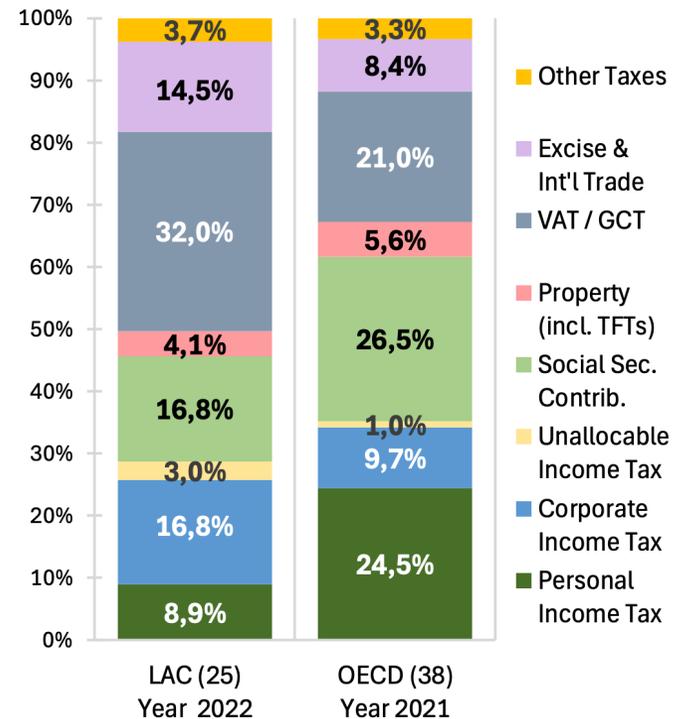
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## Tax Structure - Year 2022 (in % of total tax revenue)

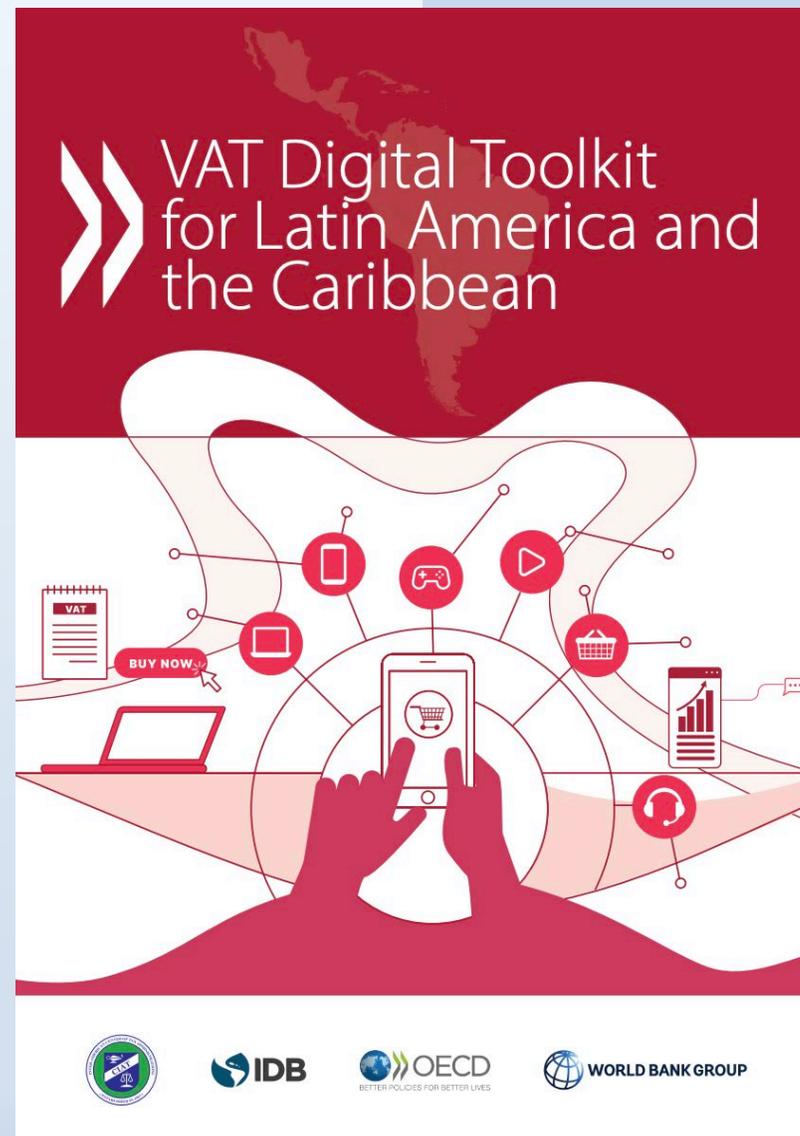


Source: Revenue Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean (OECD-ECLAC-CIAT-IADB).

- No physical presence
- Platforms and apps
- Revenue and neutrality
  - VAT on domestic only
  - Compliance control

# Two approaches

- Simplified registration
  - No presence required
  - Fewer registration requirements
  - Simplified returns
  - Tax remittance
- Withholding on the payment method
  - Determined by the tax administration
  - Built upon established withholding mechanisms



# Regional adoption timeline (selected milestones)



## Supplier registration

- Chile
- Colombia
- Mexico
- Uruguay
- Peru
- Brazil (platforms)

## Payment Withholding

- Argentina
- Costa Rica
- Ecuador
- Paraguay

## Withholding as backstop /option

- Chile
- Colombia
- Brazil
- Peru

# Platforms and compliance

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- The role of platforms
  - May withhold VAT
  - Periodic reporting
  - e-Invoice facilitator
  - May “become” the responsible for registration, return filing and payments of tax.
  - Support in compliance tasks

# Other things

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- At the Subnational level, particularly in decentralized countries
  - Argentina (*Ingresos brutos*)
  - Brazil
  - Colombia (*Impuesto de Industria y Comercio ICA - Medellín*)
  - Mexico (2% charge for the use of public infrastructure – CDMX)
- Gaming and betting platforms

# Conclusion

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- Challenges
  - Difficulties in modifying the laws to extend the obligations to operations with no physical presence
  - Small markets may face extra difficulties
  - Withholding on the payment methods have mixed implications
    - Risk of erroneous withholding
    - Identification of taxpayers put pressure either on the tax administration or the financial entities
- Lessons learned
  - Mandatory simplified registrations
  - Use of withholding mechanism for non-compliers
  - Continuously monitor to identify relevant actors



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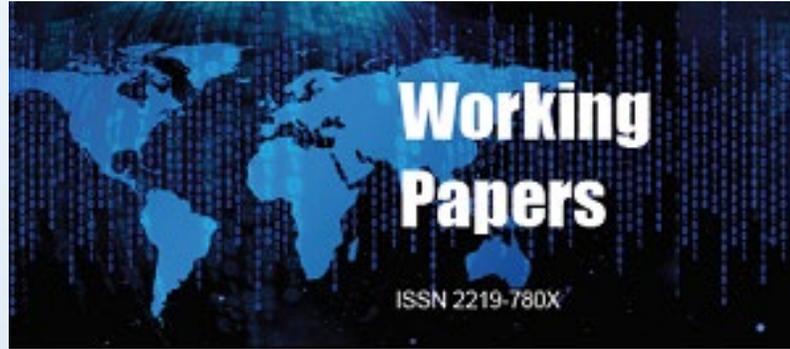
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