



# TAXATION OF THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

## Unilateral Measures across the Globe:

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One of the rapidly evolving areas of international taxation is addressing the challenge of what a fair and workable tax system should look like in our modern global economy – where it is possible to make money from a distance and not pay taxes in countries where a business has customers but no local profit making activity. While the OECD is working towards a global solution, in the absence of consensus and in recognition of the time that it is likely to take to agree on a workable global framework, many countries have pressed ahead and announced unilateral measures to implement their version of how the digital economy should be taxed. These measures take a range of forms and, even where they align in concept - for example, a digital services tax - the base for taxation can differ significantly.

The inconsistency of unilateral measures increases the complexity for businesses who seek to comply with the rules and can increase the overall tax burden. BDO has created a tool to help navigate this emerging landscape. The first edition is showcased below. We invite you to get in touch with BDO to discuss how this tool might help you as you prepare and plan.



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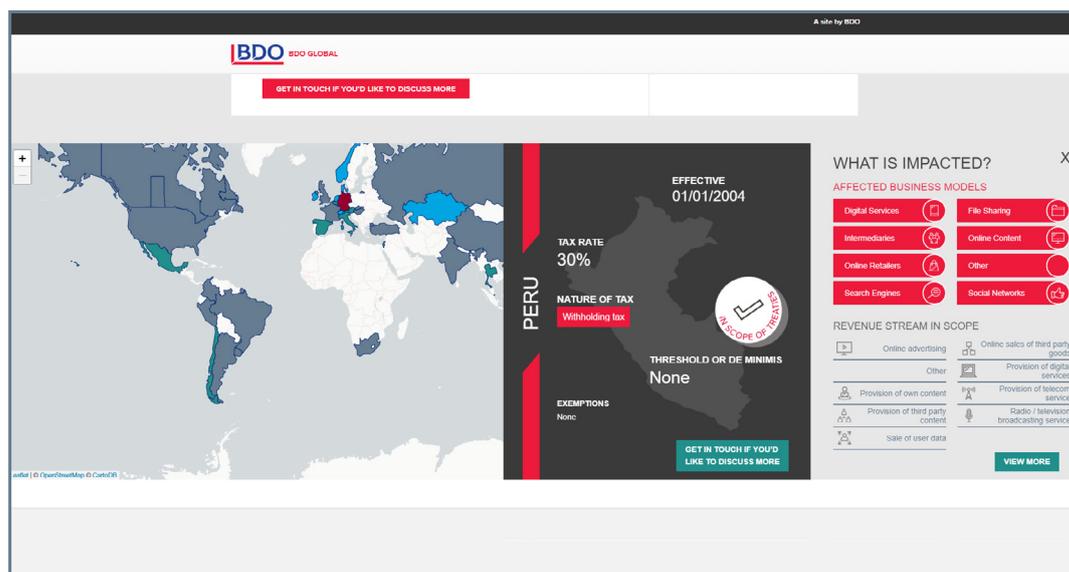
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**PERU**

EFFECTIVE 01/01/2004

TAX RATE 30%

NATURE OF TAX Withholding tax

THRESHOLD OR DE MINIMIS None

EXEMPTIONS None

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**WHAT IS IMPACTED?**

**AFFECTED BUSINESS MODELS**

- Digital Services
- Intermediaries
- Online Retailers
- Search Engines
- File Sharing
- Online Content
- Other
- Social Networks

**REVENUE STREAM IN SCOPE**

- Online advertising
- Other
- Provision of own content
- Provision of third party content
- Sale of user data
- Online sales of third party goods
- Provision of digital services
- Provision of telecom service
- Radio / television broadcasting service

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## FEATURES

Some *forty* jurisdictions are represented in the current version of the tool

The user is able to interrogate the tool via an interactive map using the following criteria:



**Are there specific rules for taxing digital products / services?**



**The nature of the tax**



**Affected business models**



**Revenue streams in scope**

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The screenshot shows the BDO Global website interface for Peru. At the top, the BDO logo and 'BDO GLOBAL' are visible. Below the logo, the word 'Peru' is displayed. A 'GO BACK TO MAP' button is located above a table of tax details.

Peru	
Are there rules for taxing digital services	Yes - In force.
Applicable date	01/01/2004
Nature of tax	Withholding tax.
Tax rate	30%.
Affected business models/in scope activities	Potentially all activities over the internet.
Revenue stream in scope	Potentially all activities over the internet.

The screenshot shows the BDO Global website interface with an interactive map of Europe. The map highlights several countries in blue and red. A red box on the map is labeled 'GERMANY'. A tooltip for Germany is visible, containing text about the EU's proposed approach to a temporary digital services tax.

Germany initially supported the EU's proposed approach of a temporary digital services tax, however recently has moved towards favouring a coordinated solution regarding taxation of the digital economy, in line with the OECD's proposed approach.



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