



**HANDS ON
TECHNOLOGY**

REDUCTION OF VALUE ADDED TAX FROM 1 JULY 2020

From 1 July, the reduction in VAT will apply for six months. For HANDS on TECHNOLOGY e.V. this adjustment is a complex situation. We have therefore decided to maintain our communicated prices. Here we explain why.

The years 2020 and 2021 will be very challenging for HANDS on TECHNOLOGY e.V. as we expect less income due to the pandemic and have to adjust to new processes and contents.

Our educational programs are based on children meeting each other to build, create and research. Unfortunately, this basic prerequisite is currently not given everywhere. Also the uncertainty about what the situation will be like in half a year's time makes many schools and institutions hesitate to register a team. In "standard" years we can calculate our income pretty exactly, this year and next year is not so easy. Due to the changed circumstances many processes have to be adapted. So we are currently preparing that some events will take place virtually in winter and spring. An appropriate infrastructure must be developed and prepared for this.

We do not wish to change the communicated gross prices for participation in our educational programs FIRST LEGO League Explore and Challenge. We would like to avoid changing these prices for only half a year. The amount that a team would save through the 2 percentage points (from 7 to 5 percent) is rather manageable. This becomes clear from the following two examples:

	As before: With 7 % VAT	With 5 % VAT	Difference
Participation Explore in D	149,00 €	146,22 €	2,78 €
Participation Challenge in D	278,00 €	272,80 €	5,20 €

Of course we know that it is not an easy time for many of you either. We hope that you will understand our decision. We will use these resources to compensate a little for the losses caused by the pandemic. You are welcome to send us your opinion on this by email to info@hands-on-technology.org. We strive to be transparent so that you understand why we act the way we do.

Thank you very much for your support!