Guide: Optimized Accounting Processes with the Mollie DATEV Data Service

The Challenge: Automation Hurdles Due to Fee Deductions

Payment service providers like Mollie often pay out transaction amounts "net." This means that the applicable fees are withheld directly from the customer's payment amount before the payout is made to you.

> **Example:** An outgoing invoice for €100.00 is created. Mollie withholds €5.00 in fees and only pays out €95.00.

The Problem: Without structured allocation, the accounting system cannot find a matching invoice for the incoming payment of €95.00. This leads to manual search effort and errors during reconciliation.

The Solution: Debtor-Based Accounting & Mollie DATEV Data Service

To achieve full automation, two components must work together: debtor-based accounting and the use of the Mollie DATEV Data Service.

1. The Foundation: Debtor-Based Accounting

Every invoice created in easybill is posted to an individual debtor account (customer account) in DATEV. This ensures that the receivable is recorded in the system in full (e.g., €100.00).

2. The Enabler: Mollie DATEV Data Service

The DATEV Data Service (DATEV Connector) provided by Mollie acts as an intelligent interface between your Mollie account and the DATEV world. This service performs the following crucial tasks:

- **Automatic Data Import:** It transfers all transaction data (payments, refunds, and fees) directly to DATEV.
- **Automatic Matching:** The service enables DATEV to automatically assign the incoming payment (€95.00) and the withheld fee (€5.00) to the original €100.00 receivable and clear it.

3. Account Logic in DATEV

For the data service to work optimally, Mollie should be managed in DATEV technically like a bank account (financial account). This way, cash flows and fees are treated like account movements and posted directly against the debtors.

Why This Setup is Future-Proof

Full Automation: The DATEV Data Service eliminates the need for manual allocation of partial amounts or bulk transfers.

Detailed Fee Accounting: Future requirements demand an increasingly detailed breakdown of fees (e.g., according to taxability). The Mollie Data Service is designed to provide this data precisely – which can only be meaningfully processed in debtor-based accounting.

Preparation for E-Invoicing Requirements: Switching to debtor-based processes is the first step toward compatibility with upcoming legal standards for electronic invoice exchange.

Recommendations for Implementation

For a smooth setup, you and your tax office should check the following points:

- [ ] **Activation:** Is the Mollie DATEV Data Service correctly configured in the Mollie dashboard?
- [ ] **Master Data:** Are consistent debtor numbers stored in easybill and DATEV?
- [ ] **Financial Account:** Is Mollie set up in DATEV as a "Bank" (payment method)?

This document serves as a technical recommendation for action to increase efficiency in the cooperation between companies and tax offices using easybill, Mollie, and DATEV.