





Votre espace professionnel

Online **Business** Services

FOCUS Guide

to

Managing a Company's Bank Accounts

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1. Overview

1.1 Purpose of the Guide

Users wanting to have access to payment services must first set up a professional account (please refer to the FOCUS Guide <u>Setting Up a Professional Account in Expert Mode</u>) and can then sign up for the "Payer" online payment services (refer to the FOCUS Guide <u>Signing Up for Online Services in Expert Mode</u>).

An all-in-one procedure for setting up an account and signing up for online services is also possible under certain conditions (refer to the FOCUS Guide <u>Setting Up a Professional Account in Basic Mode and Signing Up for Services</u>).

To date, the following "Payer" online payment services are available: "Payer la TVA" (VAT), "Payer l'impôt sur les sociétés" (corporation tax), "Payer la taxe sur les salaires" (payroll tax), "Payer la CVAE" (contribution on business value-added), "Payer les RCM" (tax on investment income), "Payer la Taxe activités polluantes" (general tax on polluting activities), "Payer la Taxe int. de consommation" (domestic consumption tax), "Payer la Taxe v. vénale immeuble" (tax on the market value of property), "Payer la TSCA" (special tax on insurance policies) and "Payer les autres impôts et taxes" (other taxes and duties).

When signing up for a "Payer" online payment service, it is mandatory to declare a bank account. Later on, you can add as many bank accounts as necessary and you can delete them at any time.

This Guide² explains, step by step with screenshots, how to declare one or more bank accounts.

1.2 Target audience

This procedure is for users who would like to add or delete one or more bank accounts of a company being managed in their professional account.

Special case of users paying via EDI (electronic data interchange) and filing the Single Staff Reporting Statement (DSN)/Withholding Tax for Other Income Statement (PASRAU) related to withholding at source

Although use of EDI mode and filing DSN/PASRAU statements are technically separate from the professional account, application of the SEPA regulation means that the payment bank accounts must appear and be valid for B2B transactions in the company's professional account.³ As a result, if they have not already done so, users must set up a professional

¹ Exception: No bank account has to be declared if this procedure has already been carried out in respect of previously signing up for a payment service, or if a bank account has been automatically transferred as part of continuing electronic payment orders.

² All FOCUS Guides can be found on the www.impots.gouv.fr website under "Votre espace professionnel" > "Aide : accéder aux fiches pratiques".

³ Please note: Bank accounts in professional accounts are only used to pay taxes and duties.

account and sign up for at least one payment service in order to manage their bank accounts and their SEPA B2B direct debit mandates.

1.3 Details of the scope of the procedure

Bank accounts⁴ can only be declared by Principal Administrators and Alternate Administrators for the "Payer" online payment service.

Delegatees are not authorised to modify bank accounts, regardless of their status as a Basic User or a Delegating User; they can only view bank account details, meaning they cannot declare or delete a bank account, print out a SEPA B2B Direct Debit mandate or modify labels or information related to an account holder.

Bank account changes take effect immediately.

However, you must send the signed **SEPA B2B Direct Debit mandate** to your bank, **if and only if you intend to pay self-assessed taxes and duties with this account** (e.g. VAT, withholding at source, corporation tax, payroll tax, special tax on insurance policies, contribution on business value-added).

Subsequently, you must **ensure that your bank has recorded the unique mandate reference (UMR) number** contained in the mandate **before** making an **initial payment with the account**; otherwise, your payment will be rejected.

1.4 Steps in the procedure

This procedure involves three steps:

- 1. Log into your professional account on the www.impots.gouv.fr website

 Regardless of the number of companies for which you want to change bank accounts, everything is found in one place.
- 2. Declare one or more new bank accounts
- 3. Print and send the signed SEPA B2B Direct Debit mandate to your bank before making any initial payment with your declared bank account, if and only if you intend to pay self-assessed taxes.

1.5 Before you get started

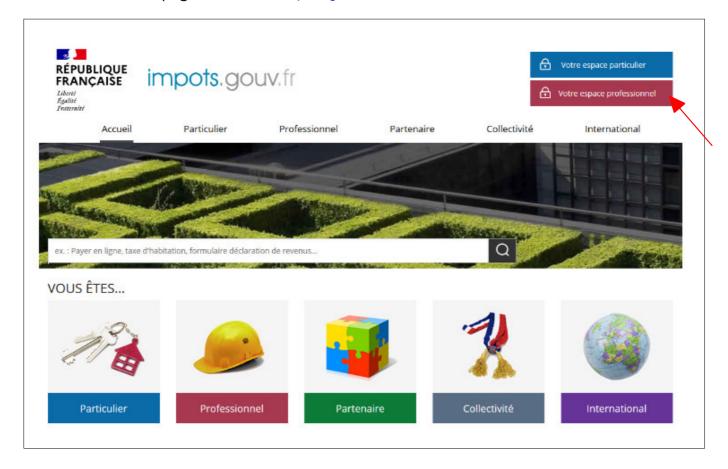
To declare one or more payment accounts, you must have first signed up in your professional account for at least one "Payer" online payment service, which must be activated.

The managing department must be informed of the bank accounts that you wish to use for refunds (corporation tax surpluses, tax credits, VAT credits, etc.) when you make a refund application.

⁴ Please note: Bank accounts indicated in a professional account may only be used to pay taxes and duties. Bank accounts that users would like to use for refunds (e.g. excess corporation tax, tax credits, VAT credits) must be communicated expressly to the DGFiP when requesting a refund.

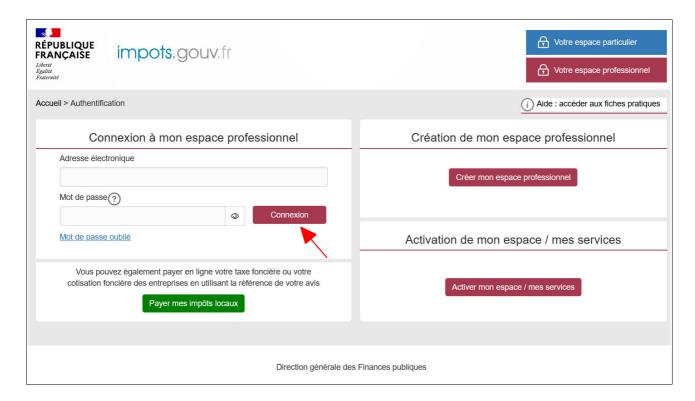
2. Accessing your professional account on the www.impots.gouv.fr website

Start on the homepage of the www.impots.gouv.fr website.



♥ Click on "Votre espace professionnel"

The following authentication screen will then appear:



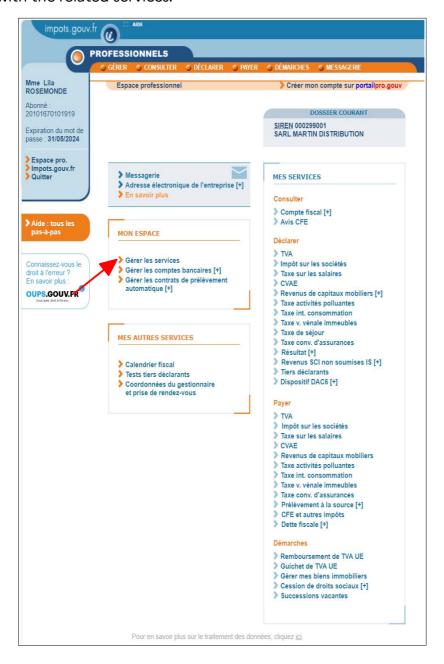
♥ Enter your email address and password and click on "Connexion"

Your professional account's homepage will be displayed (shown on the next few pages).

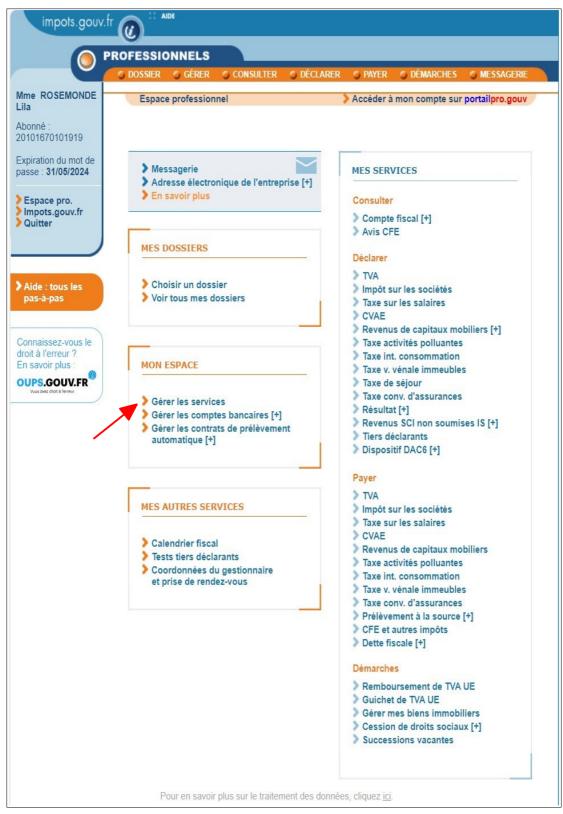
3. Declaring one or more bank accounts linked to an already confirmed "Payer" online payment service

Based on your situation, you will see one of two screens:

<u>Screen 1</u>: You have access to services for a single company; the screen shows the company's current details with the related services.



<u>Screen 2</u>: You have access to services for more than one company.



Click on "Gérer les comptes bancaires"

After clicking on "Gérer les comptes bancaires", you will be able to select the SIREN number or IDSP⁵ for which you want to declare/manage a bank account.

The list of SIREN numbers or IDSPs for which you have an authorisation to use the "Payer" service is provided to help you access the company file you are looking for:



- **♥ Enter the characters from the CAPTCHA image**
- ♥ Enter the SIREN number or IDSP in the middle section of the screen
- ♥ Or select the SIREN number or IDSP from the list provided at the bottom of the screen
- ♥ Click on "Rechercher"

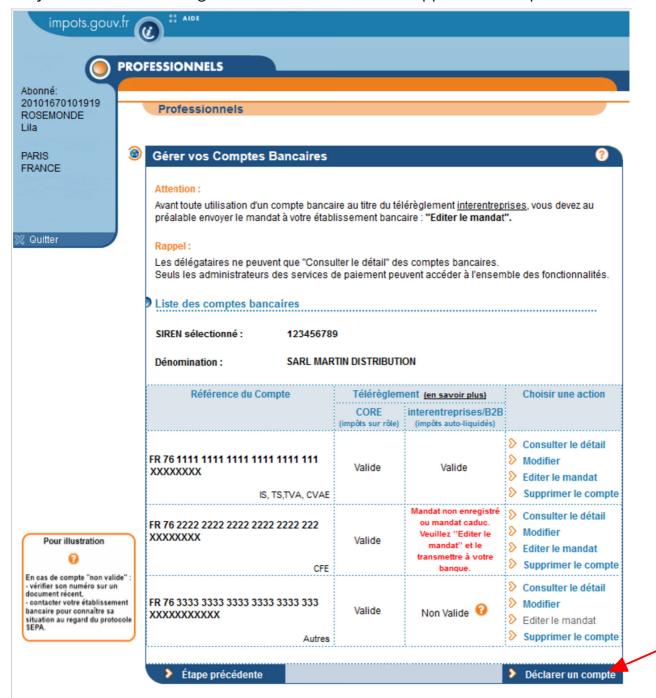
⁵ IDSP = Temporary company identifier assigned by the managing department pending identification of the entity on the SIRENE register.



You can declare as many bank accounts as necessary.

You have the option to delete any existing bank accounts; take care, however, as the payment service you signed up for will become impossible to use if you delete the bank account linked to it.

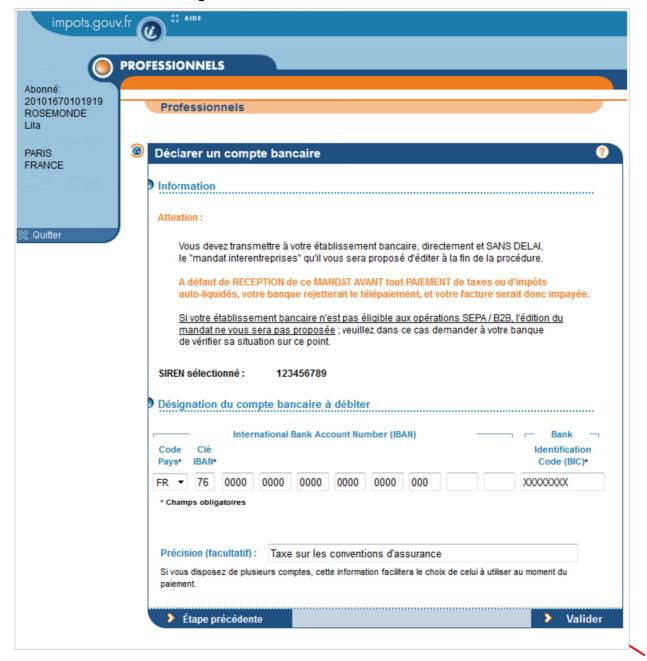
The list of bank accounts linked to the company selected is displayed. Bank accounts for each country are listed in ascending order. French bank accounts appear at the top of the list.



- → Bank accounts marked as approved in the Core column can be used to pay assessment roll taxes (e.g. business premises contribution, property tax).
- → Bank accounts marked as approved in the B2B column can be used to pay self-assessed taxes (e.g. VAT, withholding at source, corporation tax, payroll tax, contribution on business value-added, special turnover tax, tax on company cars). Bank accounts marked as not approved (*Non valide*) under one of these columns indicate that the bank holding the account is not eligible for the SEPA payment scheme in question.

∜ Click on "Déclarer un compte"

Below is the screen for entering bank account details:



🖔 Enter the bank account details as shown above and use the "Précision" field if you want to label the bank account, and then click on "Valider"



You must provide all bank details in IBAN format, including the BIC:

At the end of this step, the system checks that:

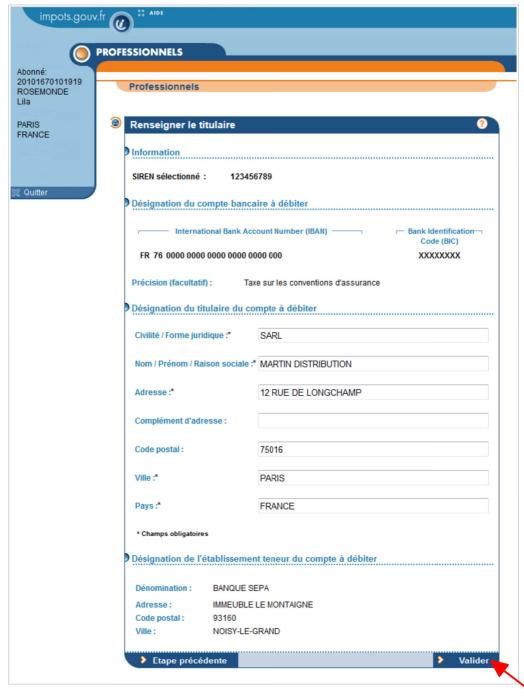
- the format of the bank details is correct (each country code has a specific number of digits to be entered)

- the bank is included in a list of banks authorised to use the SEPA Direct Debit Core and SEPA B2B Direct Debit schemes

When both conditions are met, the procedure continues.

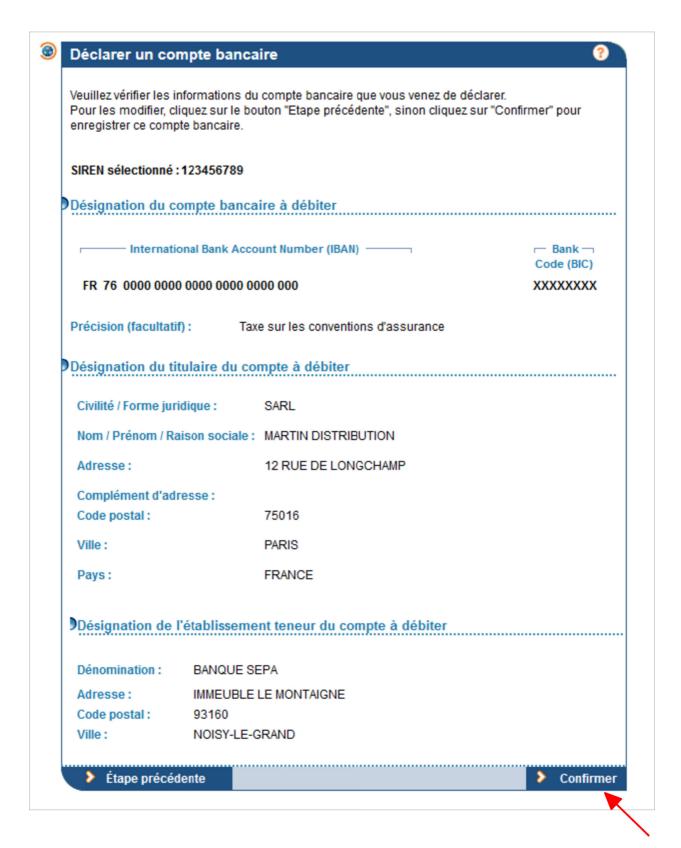
On the following screen related to the bank account holder, complete the fields: Title / Legal form, Surname / First name / Company name, etc.

Note: Fields containing an asterisk (*) are mandatory.



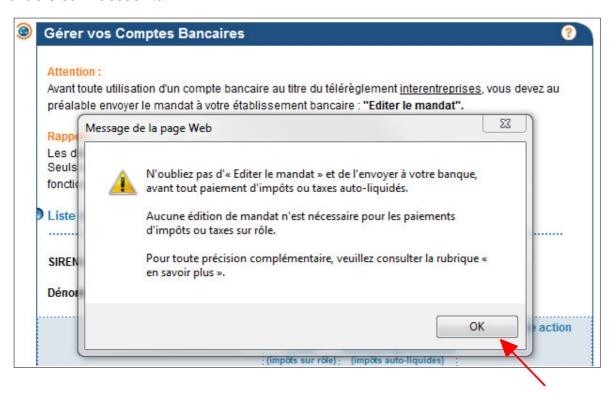
♥ Click on "Valider"

The following summary page will be displayed:



♥ Click on "Confirmer"

A message will appear to inform you that you must send the signed SEPA B2B Direct Debit mandate to the bank holding the account. Then, you will return to the screen showing the list of available bank accounts.

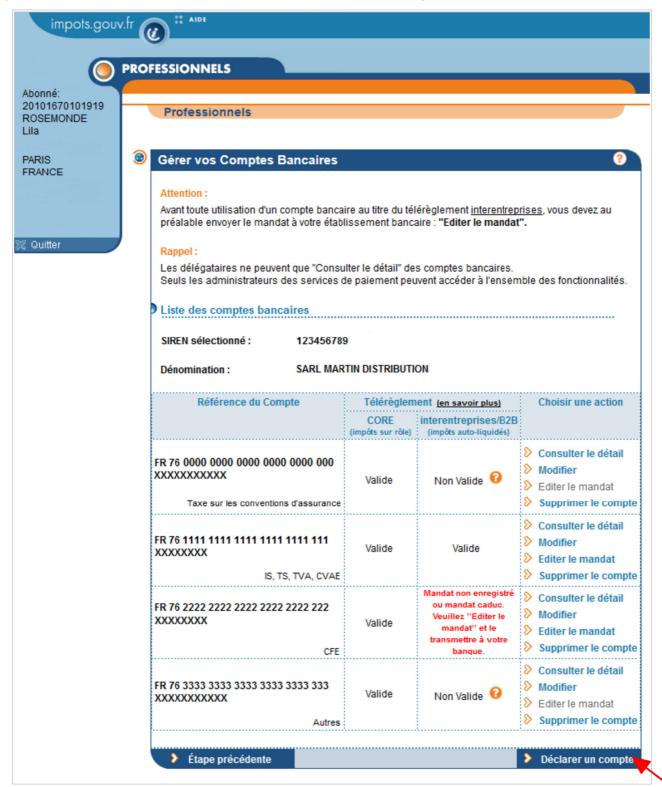


Two scenarios are possible:

> Scenario 1: The newly entered bank account is with a bank eligible for the SEPA Direct Debit Core scheme

No mandate needs to be provided for the SEPA Direct Debit Core scheme.

If you intend to use this bank account to pay only assessment roll taxes, you do not need to print out the SEPA B2B Direct Debit mandate or send it to your bank.

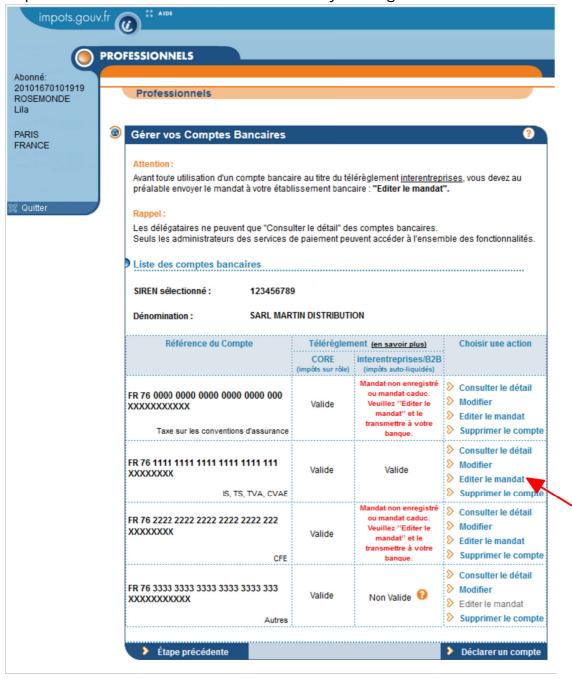


> Scenario 2: The newly entered bank account is with a bank eligible for the SEPA B2B Direct Debit scheme

If you intend to use this bank account to pay self-assessed taxes (e.g. VAT, withholding at source, corporation tax, payroll tax, contribution on business value-added), you must print out the SEPA B2B Direct Debit mandate containing your UMR number, sign it and send it to your bank which will be required to record this UMR number before you make your initial payment with this account.

Otherwise, your payment transactions for self-assessed taxes will be rejected by the bank.

You can print the SEPA B2B Direct Debit mandate by clicking on "Editer le mandat".



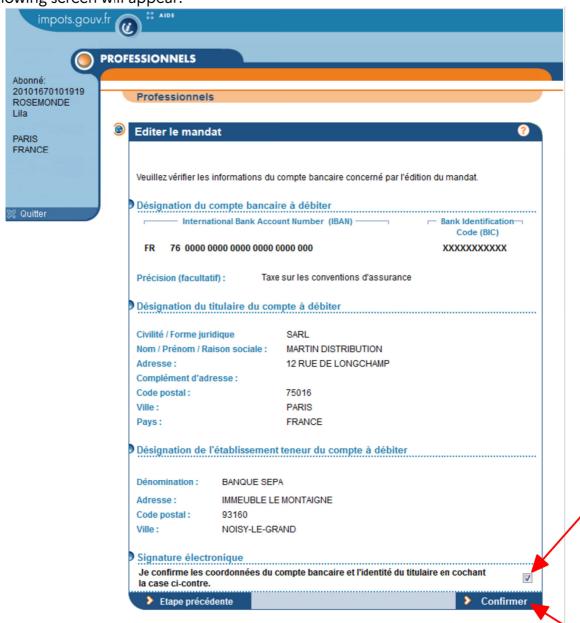
♥ Click on "Editer le mandat"

If no SEPA B2B Direct Debit mandate was previously printed out or if the mandate has not been used at the end of a period of 36 months, the following message will appear in red:

"Mandat non enregistré ou mandat caduc. Veuillez 'Éditer le mandat' et le transmettre à votre banque". (The mandate has not been recorded or has expired. Please print out the mandate and send it to your bank.)

This means that the bank account cannot or can no longer be used to pay self-assessed taxes until a new SEPA B2B Direct Debit mandate has been signed and sent to your bank in order to record the aforementioned UMR number.

The following screen will appear:



♦ Check the box to electronically sign your mandate and click on "Confirmer"

Two SEPA B2B Direct Debit mandates will appear, one in French and the other in English:

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♥ Print and sign the mandate

You must send the SEPA B2B Direct Debit mandate available to print out in your account directly and immediately to your bank, sign it and ensure that your bank has recorded the aforementioned unique mandate reference (UMR) number before you make any initial payment for self-assessed taxes (e.g. VAT, withholding at source, corporation tax, payroll tax, contribution on business value-added) with this account.

Clicking on "Editer un mandat" again will generate the same mandate containing the same UMR number.

4. Troubleshooting

If you need more information, <u>support for online procedure users</u> is available via two channels:

- ✓ Hotline on 0809 400 210 (free service + carrier's charges) from 8am to 7.30pm, Monday to Friday
- ✔ Online form on the <u>www.impots.gouv.fr</u> website. Click on "Contact"/"Accéder" > "Professionnel" > "Une assistance aux téléprocédures" > "Par formuel pour une procédure de déclaration en ligne des données" > "Accéder au formuel".