

GoCardless → DATEV with finHero

Guide to the automatic DATEV export of your GoCardless payouts

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What the integration does

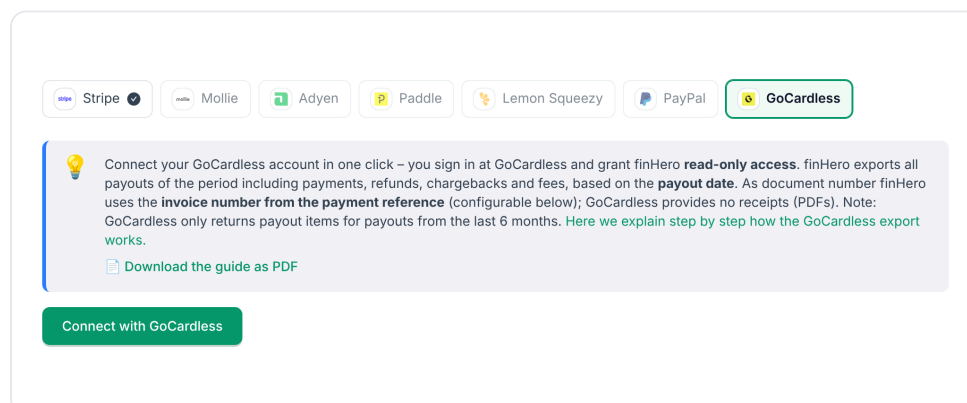
- finHero reads your GoCardless payouts and turns them into a ready-to-import **DATEV batch file** (EXTF) – optionally also for BMD, bexio or Abacus.
- Every payout is booked completely: collected payments, failed payments, chargebacks, refunds, GoCardless fees, partner fees and the payout to your bank account. The GoCardless account nets to zero after every payout.
- The **invoice number from the payment reference** is used as document number (Belegfeld 1), so DATEV can match the payment to the open invoice.
- finHero only gets **read-only access**. It never creates payments or changes data in GoCardless.

Requirements

- A live GoCardless account with dashboard access
- A finHero account
- The account numbers from your chart of accounts (SKR 03/04) – your tax advisor can help

Step 1: Connect GoCardless

1. In finHero open **Accounting settings → Payment providers** and select **GoCardless**.
2. Click **"Connect with GoCardless"**. You are redirected to GoCardless, sign in and confirm read-only access for finHero.
3. You are taken back to finHero. The status shows "GoCardless connected successfully" and the connected organisation.



The screenshot shows the 'Payment providers' section in finHero. At the top, there is a row of provider logos: Stripe, Mollie, Adyen, Paddle, Lemon Squeezy, PayPal, and GoCardless. The GoCardless logo is highlighted with a green border. Below this row, there is a light blue information box containing a lightbulb icon and text explaining the integration process, including a link to a PDF guide. At the bottom of the box is a green button labeled 'Connect with GoCardless'.

Connect your GoCardless account in one click – you sign in at GoCardless and grant finHero **read-only access**. finHero exports all payouts of the period including payments, refunds, chargebacks and fees, based on the **payout date**. As document number finHero uses the **invoice number from the payment reference** (configurable below); GoCardless provides no receipts (PDFs). Note: GoCardless only returns payout items for payouts from the last 6 months. [Here we explain step by step how the GoCardless export works.](#)

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Connect with GoCardless

Select and connect GoCardless

Stripe

Mollie

Adyen

Paddle

Lemon Squeezy

PayPal

GoCardless

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GoCardless successfully connected

Connected organisation: 0R000123ABCD

Active for auto-export – only active providers are exported monthly

☐ Book partner fees (app fees) separately

Fees of partner apps you use GoCardless through (e.g. SepaHeld) are then booked to their own account with their own booking key instead of the GoCardless fee account. Enter account and key under Accounting.

Invoice number from the GoCardless reference

The DATEV export uses the invoice number as document number (Belegfeld 1). By default finHero takes the last part of the payment reference that contains digits ("Company Ltd IN-1234" becomes "IN-1234"). If that doesn't fit your references, enter your own pattern (regular expression) and test it on examples.

Pattern for the invoice number - optional

Save

Test with example references

Load latest payments from GoCardless

Muster GmbH RE-2026-1042

→ RE-2026-1042

pattern

Beispiel AG RE-2026-1043

→ RE-2026-1043

pattern

RE-2026-1044

→ RE-2026-1044

pattern

Not a regex expert? Enter 2–3 example references above, copy the prompt and paste it into Claude or ChatGPT. Paste the answer into the pattern field and check the result here.

Copy prompt for Claude / ChatGPT

Reconnect GoCardless

Disconnect

Connected GoCardless account with settings

Step 2: Enter the accounts

- Under **Accounting system** (e.g. DATEV) you enter your accounts. GoCardless needs two additional accounts: the **GoCardless balance account** (GoCardless as a cash account) and the **GoCardless money-in-transit account** (for the payout to your bank account).
- finHero shows missing accounts right away – in the setup checklist, in the GoCardless section and at the fields themselves.

Accounts per payment provider

Only your connected payment providers are shown.

Money-in-transit account Stripe

e.g. 1461 (SKR 04) or 1361 (SKR 03).

Money-in-transit account GoCardless

e.g. 1467 (SKR 04) – for GoCardless payouts to the bank account.

Balance account Stripe

e.g. 1810 (SKR 04) or 1210 (SKR 03).

Balance account GoCardless

GoCardless account as cash account, e.g. 1816 (SKR 04).

Accounts for GoCardless (SKR 04 example)

Optional: fees of partner apps you use GoCardless through can be booked to a separate account with its own booking key via "Book partner fees (app fees) separately".

Step 3: Invoice number from the reference

- finHero automatically takes the last part of the payment reference that contains digits – “Muster GmbH RE-2026-1042” becomes “RE-2026-1042”.
- If that doesn't fit your references, enter your own pattern in the GoCardless section. **“Load latest payments from GoCardless”** tests it right away on real references.
- Not a regex expert? **“Copy prompt for Claude / ChatGPT”** creates a ready-made request with your examples – paste the answer into the field.

Step 4: Choose the taxation method

- **Accrual basis (Soll)** (default): your invoices reach DATEV from your invoicing software with their invoice date. finHero exports only payments, fees and payouts – no revenue, so nothing is booked twice.
- **Accrual basis, invoices not in DATEV:** finHero also books the revenue, dated with the date the payment was created.
- **Cash basis (Ist):** finHero also books the revenue on the date the money was received.

Taxation method

Decides whether exports for GoCardless, Mollie and PayPal also contain invoices (revenue bookings). These providers don't issue invoices themselves. Stripe is not affected.

☒ **Accrual basis (Soll-Versteuerung)**

Your invoices already reach DATEV from your invoicing software (e.g. Lexware Office, sevDesk) with their invoice date. finHero exports only payments, fees and payouts and settles them via the invoice number.

☐ **Accrual basis, invoices not in DATEV**

finHero also books the revenue. The date the payment was created is used as invoice date – the payment provider doesn't know the actual invoice date.

☐ **Cash basis (Ist-Versteuerung)**

finHero also books the revenue on the date the money was received (collection / payment date).

On accrual basis, exports for GoCardless, Mollie and PayPal contain no invoices and no revenue bookings. Please make sure your invoices are transferred to DATEV from your invoicing software.

Taxation method in the accounting settings

Step 5: Create and import the export

- On the 3rd of every month finHero automatically creates the export for the previous month. With **New export** you can export any period manually.
- The **payout date** of the GoCardless payout decides which period a booking belongs to.
- Download the ZIP file and hand it to your tax advisor, or import the batch file (EXTF) into DATEV.

Export

Manual export

On the 3rd day of each month, an export is automatically created for the previous month. Of course, you can also trigger an export manually here.

Payment provider

GoCardless

i This GoCardless export contains no invoices or revenue (accrual basis). You can change this under Settings → Accounting → Taxation method.

Accounting system

DATEV (Deutschland)

You can activate more accounting systems in the settings.

Month selection

Custom

Select month



Manual export for GoCardless



Completed

01.09.2026 – 30.09.2026
EXPORT PERIOD

GoCardless · DATEV 02.10.2026, 06:10:12
PROVIDER · FORMAT EXPORT CREATED

214
TRANSACTIONS

Download



Completed

01.08.2026 – 31.08.2026
EXPORT PERIOD

GoCardless · DATEV 02.09.2026, 06:09:40
PROVIDER · FORMAT EXPORT CREATED

198
TRANSACTIONS

Download

Finished exports in the dashboard

How it is booked (SKR 04 example, accrual basis)

GoCardless item	Debit	Credit	Belegfeld 1
Collected payment	1816 GoCardless	10000 Debtor	Invoice number
GoCardless fee	6855 Fees	1816 GoCardless	Invoice number
Chargeback / refund	10000 Debtor	1816 GoCardless	Invoice number
Payout to bank account	1467 Money in transit	1816 GoCardless	Payout reference

Account numbers are examples – the accounts from your settings are used. You set the booking key for fees yourself (check with your tax advisor).

Good to know

How far back can I export?

GoCardless only returns payout items for payouts from the last 6 months. Older periods cannot be exported.

Are there receipts (PDFs)?

No. GoCardless provides no invoices or receipts; your invoices keep coming from your invoicing software.

What does "GoCardless SAS" on my bank statement mean?

That is the sender of the payout. finHero books it via the money-in-transit account so you can match it against the bank booking.

How secure is the connection?

finHero only gets read-only access. The access token is stored encrypted and never leaves the server. You can disconnect at any time in finHero.

Can I combine several payment providers?

Yes. GoCardless can be exported together with Stripe, PayPal, Mollie and others – every active provider gets its own batch file.

Questions? Write to support@fin-hero.de.