

**EUROPEAN MULTI-STAKEHOLDER FORUM ON
ELECTRONIC INVOICING (EMSFEI)
Subgroup 8**

Standardisation beyond the eInvoicing standard

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European Multi Stakeholder Forum on e-Invoicing

- Previously: 2 or 3 permanent subgroups
- Now: temporary subgroups with clear assignment
 - Subgroup 8:
Standardization beyond the e-invoicing standards as published by CEN/TC 434

Scope

- Determine '**what** should be done'; not '**how / by whom** it should be done'
- Name topics, requirements to be gathered in the standardisation activity itself
- SG8 suggests the topics, EMSFEI decides on the suggestions
- EC is kindly requested to follow up on the suggestions

Way of working

- SG8 prepared long list
- EMSFEI “voted” informally
- SG8 decided, based on the vote outcome, which topics to forward to EC

Task SG8

Draft suggestions from the EMSFEI for standards to be developed beyond the e-invoicing standards as published by CEN/TC 434.

Newly to develop standards fall in one of the categories:

- e-invoice implementation
- innovation
- best practices

1. e-Invoice implementation

CEN TC434 has published a series of standards:

- EN 16931-1 Semantic model
- CEN/TS 16931-2 List of syntaxes
- CEN/TS 16931-3 Syntax bindings
- CEN/TR 16931-4 Interoperability at the transmission level
- CEN/TR 16931-5 Extension methodology
- CEN/TR 16931-6 Test report

For Europe-wide implementation of e-invoicing in an open four-corner model, more standardisation appears to be needed.

1. e-Invoice implementation

- 1) Status tracking of electronic invoices
- 2) Addressing, routing and partner discovery
(incl. partner capability discovery)
- 3) End to end compliance
- 4) The use of legal entity identifiers
- 5) Assure integrity of delivery and non-repudiation
credentials
- 6) Implications of applicability of eIDAS Regulation to
e-invoicing service provision

2. Innovation

Electronic invoicing is only a first step to end-to-end electronic procurement. Real benefits are only reaped when electronic invoicing is integrated in the integral process. The next steps need to be prepared now.

2. Innovation

- 1) **Integration of eInvoicing with payment processing (also for B2C)**
- 2) Integration of eInvoicing with eOrdering (processes and document formats)
- 3) Integration of eInvoicing with eDelivery/eFullfilment
- 4) eInvoicing in specific procurement processes
- 5) Self-billing, invoiceless trade
- 6) Catalogues, Item identification/classification
- 7) eInvoicing in complex logistics environments
- 8) Encourage standardization initiatives at international level
- 9) eInvoicing for VAT and duties declaration in import/export procedures
- 10) Factoring and supply chain finance

3. Best practices

Standards are not only needed to align communication between business partners. They can also play an important role when defining internal procedures within and across organizations. Such practices may include the development and use of agreements, governance, rules or implementation guidelines for standards, as well as specific additional areas.

3. Best practices

- 1) Best practices for Continuous Transaction Control for VAT, real-time reporting, clearance models etc.
- 2) Best practices for integration of eInvoicing in tactical and operational procurement processes
- 3) Best practices for eInvoicing and supplier management / market monitoring.

Issues for NMBF NL

- Report is accepted by EMSFEI and will not be changed
- EC may take action (or may not)
- In NL uptake of e-invoicing is progressing

Possible next steps:

- Integration of e-invoicing in business processes:
 - Tax administration
 - E-cataloguing and ordering
 - Payment
- Other domains:
 - B2C
 - Receipts
 - Specific industries