

eInvoicing Ireland Information for Suppliers

The European Directive 2014/55/ EU on eInvoicing and the national eInvoicing approach

- All public bodies, subject to public procurement law in Ireland, must now be able to receive and process electronic invoices (eInvoices) in compliance with the European Directive and Standard for eInvoicing.
- The Directive DOES NOT require suppliers to submit eInvoices at this time.
- The Directive ONLY applies to invoices relating to contracts **above** EU thresholds and not to contracts declared to be secret/accompanied by special security measures.
- The European Standard on eInvoicing defines the core set of information elements and formats which a compliant eInvoice must adhere to.
- Ireland has chosen the Peppol eDelivery network as the primary channel for sending eInvoices to the public sector. All public bodies are expected to be able to receive and process European standard eInvoices via the Peppol eDelivery network.
- The Directive gives Suppliers the option to submit invoices electronically (eInvoices), through the Peppol network, to public bodies in Ireland and across Europe and leverage the benefits of digitalisation.

Why eInvoicing?

Following the Directive mass adoption of eInvoicing across the EU will improve the opportunity to reap some well-recognised eInvoicing benefits such as reduced administrative burdens, improved efficiencies, greater transparency as well as being better for the environment.

eInvoicing aims to make life easier for suppliers doing business with the public sector, by facilitating a common, standardised approach for businesses to submit invoices electronically to public administrations across Europe.

The benefit of using the Peppol network for suppliers is the opportunity to leverage a single connection to access any public administration on the network – the ‘connect once, connect to all’ principle.

eInvoicing is part of a broader strategy to help businesses make the greater use of digital, compete for cross-border trade and move Europe towards a greener Digital Single Market.

Next steps

Interested suppliers should consider:

- i. the standardised approach to submitting eInvoices to the public sector in Ireland and Europe
- ii. an internal analysis of their own invoice processing environment and transactions and
- iii. an external analysis of their trading partners’ capabilities and market solutions to determine the potential opportunities a standardised approach to eInvoicing might present for their business.

For suppliers looking to make the greater use of digital to drive efficiencies, lessen the impact of paper-based processes on the environment and strengthen the resilience of their operations, eInvoicing is now a real and widespread option in public procurement.

eInvoicing Ireland is providing tools and information to support public bodies in reaching compliance.

Keep an eye on www.ogp.gov.ie/einvoicing for further updates and information