

# eInvoicing

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The newly-published European Standard on  
eInvoicing:

Irish Implications and the role of PEPPOL – a  
practical guide

# eInvoicing - Agenda

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- The Directive
- PEPPOL
- Irish Context
- National Approach
- The eInvoicing Programme
- Next steps?

# eInvoicing - Countdown to Compliance

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*“Member States shall ensure that contracting authorities and contracting entities receive and process electronic invoices which comply with **the European standard** on electronic invoicing”*

**European Directive 2014/55/EU**

# eInvoicing – The Benefits



***“Switching to e-procurement, and particularly to e-invoicing, can bring significant savings and make life easier both for the governments and for the thousands of businesses active in the Internal Market.”***

- Michel Barnier, European Commissioner for Internal Market and Services  
(Commission Press Release June 2013)

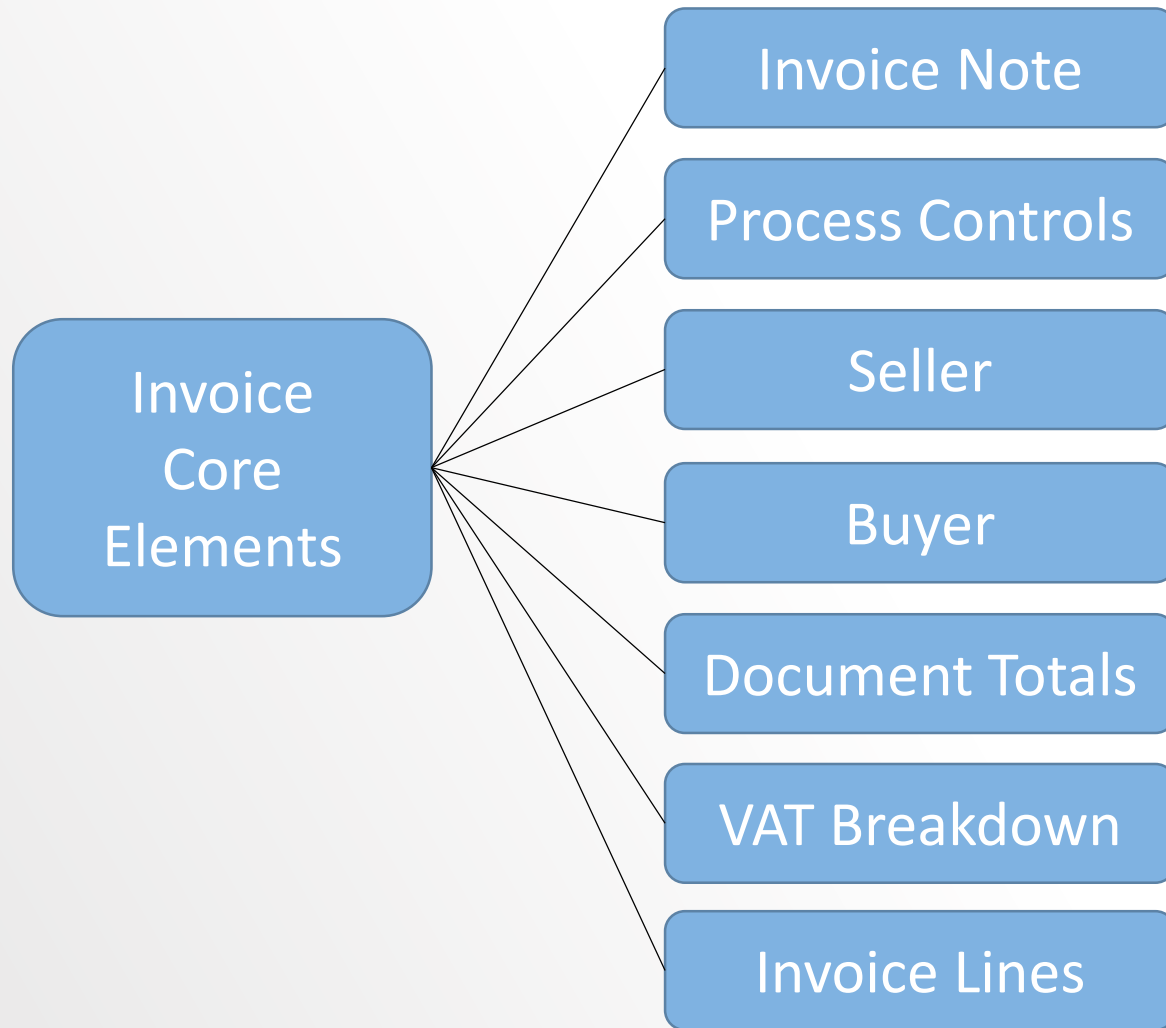
# eInvoicing - The Directive

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European Directive 2014/55/EU

1. ALL Public Sector Bodies
2. NOT to contracts ... **declared** to be **secret/accompanied by special security measures**
3. Central Government **compliance by April 2019**
4. Option for local and regional Government to postpone **compliance** until **April 2020**
5. No requirement for **Suppliers** to submit eInvoices
6. Member States are obliged to:  
*“... receive and process electronic invoices which comply with the European standard”*

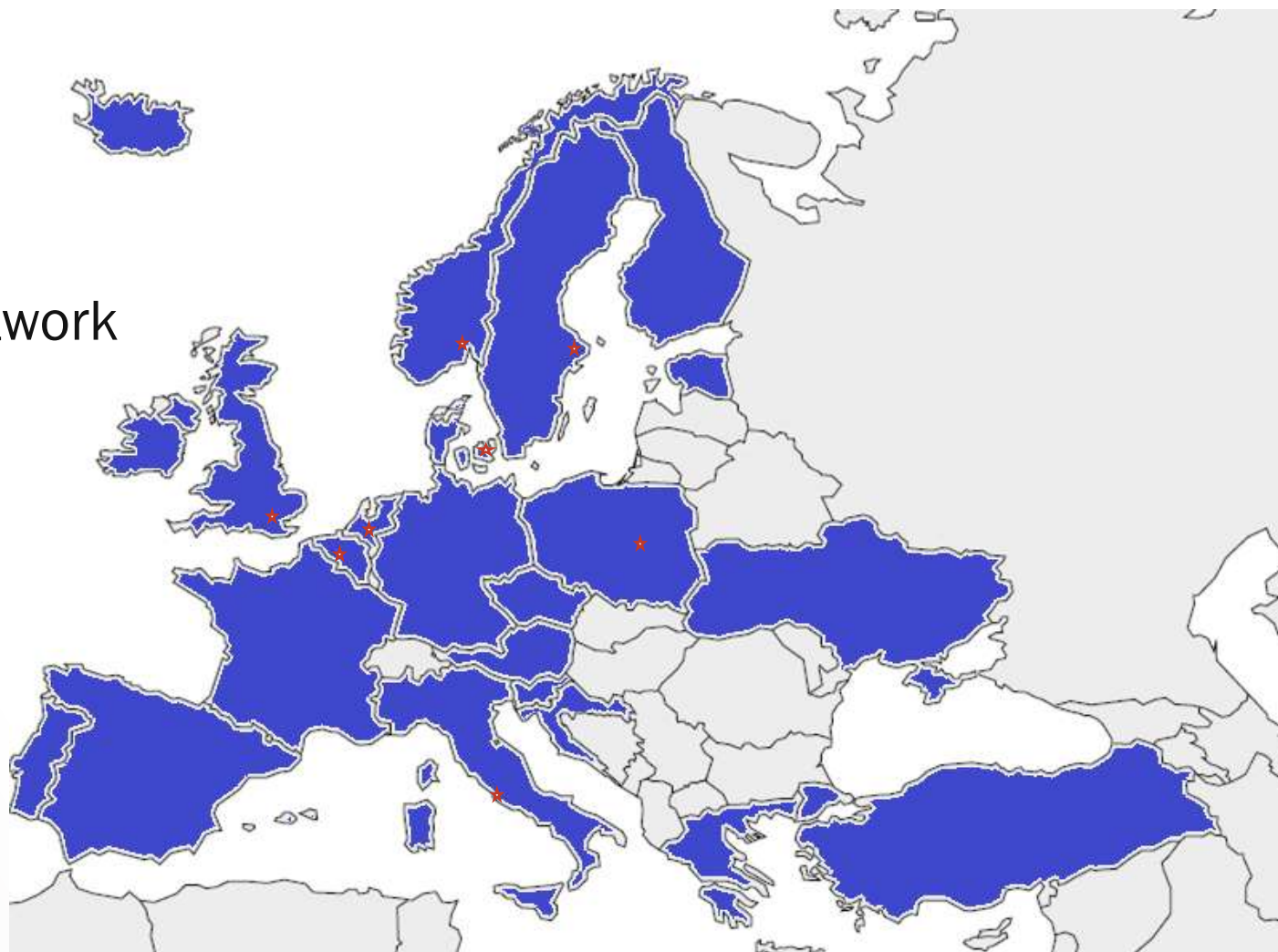
# eInvoicing - The European Standard (EN-16931)



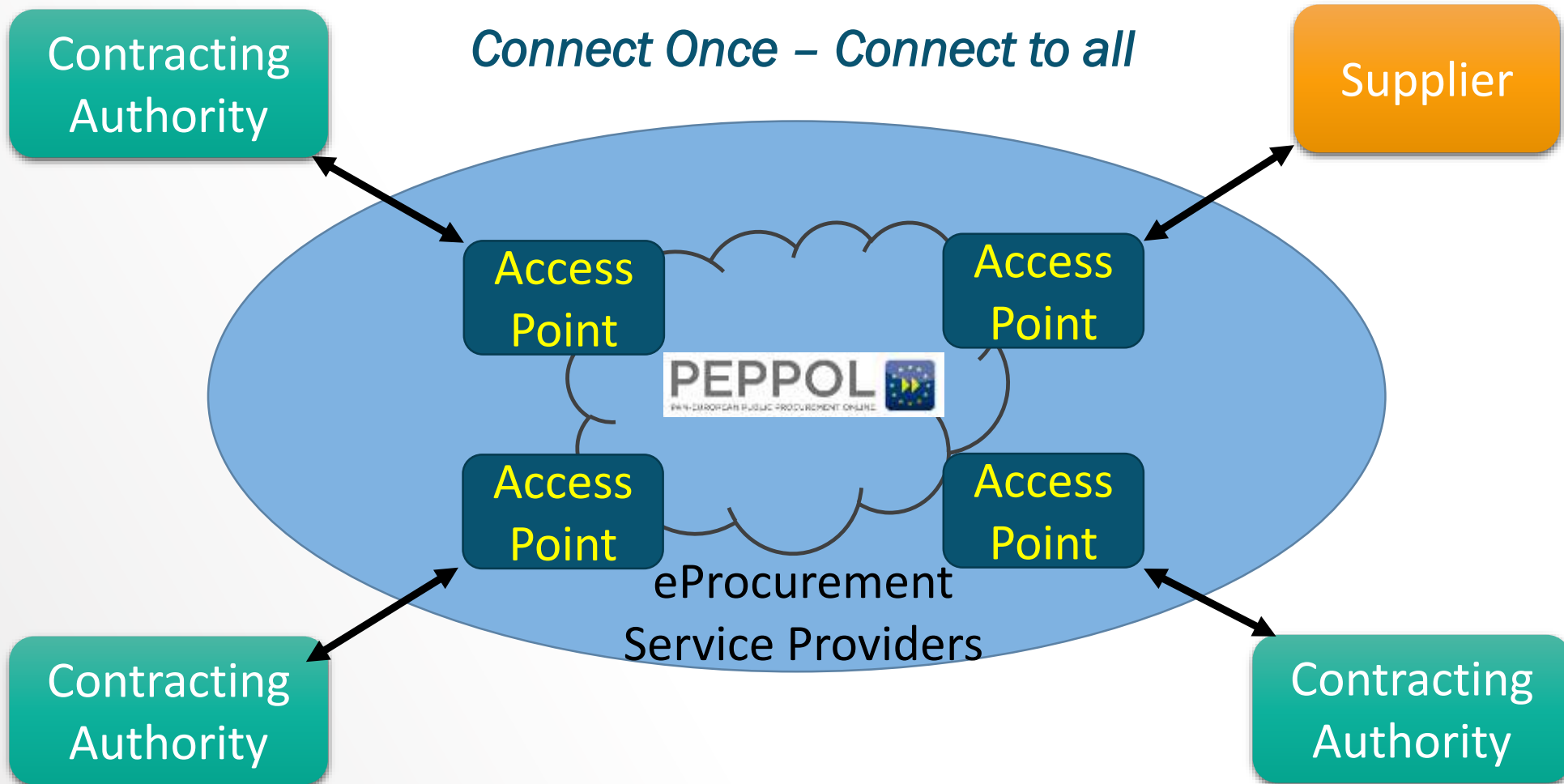
- **Why?**
  - Interoperability
  - Mass market driven solutions
- **How?**
  - Member States/Standards expertise
  - Business processes
- **What?**
  - Legal and commercial requirements
  - Commonly used elements
  - XML formats (x 2)

# PEPPOL – Pan-European Public Procurement Online

- ▶▶ Origins - EU Large scale project
- ▶▶ eProcurement Standards and Network
- ▶▶ Supports a range of processes
- ▶▶ OpenPEPPOL - Governance & development
- ▶▶ Used in 16 European countries, plus Canada and USA

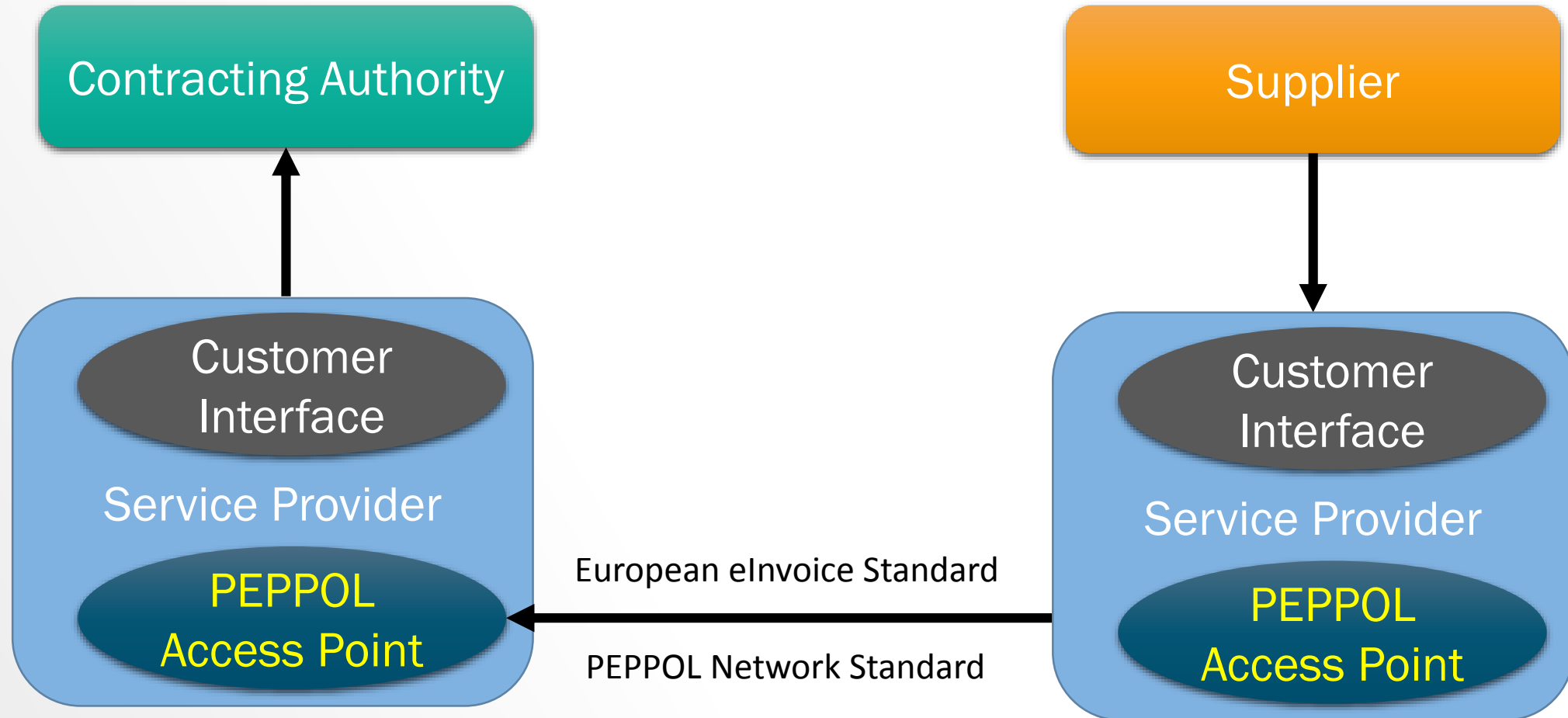


# PEPPOL – The network for eProcurement





# PEPPOL – The Four Corner Model

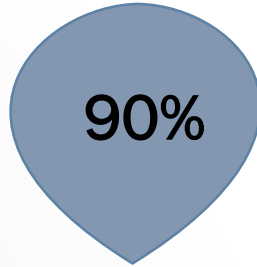


# eInvoicing – Invoice processing: Public Sector Context



In excess of **4 million invoices** are processed by the Public Sector each year.

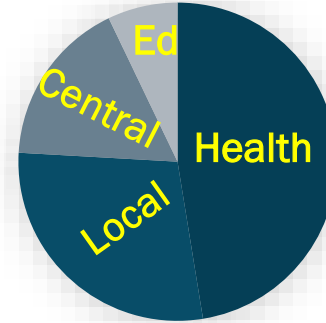
(Note: Data not available for all Public Sector Bodies)



It is estimated that **90% of all invoices** are delivered by post and received as **paper** to the Public Sector.



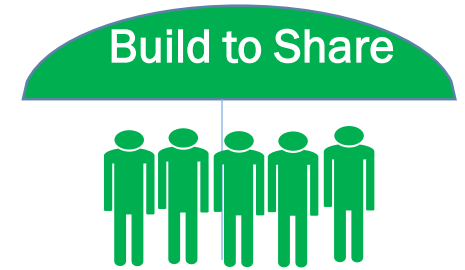
Volume of invoices and turnaround payment times place high **administration burden** on staff



Invoice volumes per annum:

- **Health** ~2m
- **Local Gov** ~1.2m
- **Central Gov** ~625k
- **D/Ed(ETBs)** ~300k

(Note: This is only a subset of invoice volumes in the Education sector)



**Financial Shared Services** initiatives in progress in Health, Education and Central Government.

# eInvoicing - Sector/Shared Services-led Solutions



# eInvoicing – The National Approach



To Facilitate and enable Public Sector Bodies achieve compliance via a set of **commercially available solutions**

Standards based solutions **compliant** with the Directive.

# eInvoicing – The eInvoicing Programme

## PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

### COMMUNICATIONS

Awareness

Understanding

Plan & Action

### FRAMEWORK FOR PROCUREMENT

eInvoicing Solutions/Services

Shared  
Service  
Centres

Sectoral/Local  
PSB  
Groups

Transitioning  
PSBs

eInvoicing  
implementation

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# eInvoicing – Next Steps

## Public Sector Bodies

### Obligations

Public Sector Approach

Shared Services Programme

ERP/AP capabilities

Invoice Processing Env

AP Business processes

Opportunities

Plan/actions for compliance

## Service Providers

### Technical Standards

Public Sector Approach

Communications

Framework

Implementation

Adoption

## Suppliers

### No obligation to eInvoice

Public Sector Approach

Assess business case

ERP/AP capabilities

Invoice Processing Env

Business processes

Opportunities

Plan with partners/providers

# eInvoicing – Further reading

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- Contact Us – [support@ogp.gov.ie](mailto:support@ogp.gov.ie)
- EU Directive - <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32014L0055>
- eInvoicing - <https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/eInvoicing>
- PEPPOL - <https://peppol.eu/about-openpeppol/what-is-openpeppol/>

Thank you!