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

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

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

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

(Note: This is only a subset of invoice volumes in the Education sector)
“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 – What is electronic invoicing?

“An invoice that has been issued, transmitted and received in a structured electronic format which allows for its automatic and electronic processing” European Directive 2014/55/EU

Manual

Semi-automated

OCR

National Legislation & Standards

European Directive & Standards

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eInvoicing - The Directive

European Directive 2014/55/EU

1. ALL Public Sector Bodies

2. NOT to contracts ... declared to be secret/accompanied by special security measures

3. Compliance by April 2019 (2020 for Local Government)

4. No requirement for Suppliers to submit eInvoices at this time

5. Member States are obliged to:

   “... receive and process electronic invoices which comply with the European standard”
# eInvoicing - The European Standard (EN-16931)

**Invoice Core Elements**

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PEPPOL – Pan-European Public Procurement Online

- Origins - EU Large scale project
- eDelivery Standards and Network
- Enables eProcurement processes
- OpenPEPPOL - Governance & development
- Network in 19 European countries, plus Canada and USA
PEPPOL – The eDelivery network for eProcurement

Connect Once – Connect to all

Shared Services

Access Point

Supplier

Contracting Authority

Service Providers
eInvoicing - Sector/Shared Services-led Solutions

- Suppliers
- Health
- Education
- Central Government
- Local Government

Central Government
Health
Education
Local Government

Suppliers
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 (Path to compliance)

Higher Education

Awareness

- Obligations
- Timeline
- National/Sector Approach
- Suppliers & eInvoicing Market

Understanding

- Invoice Environment
- Systems Capabilities
- Business Processes
- Opportunities

Plan & Action

- Sector Solution
- Systems Interfaces
- People & Processes
- Beyond Compliance

Compliance
eInvoicing – Watch this space - [ogp.gov.ie/einvoicing/](http://ogp.gov.ie/einvoicing/)
eInvoicing – Contact & further reading

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• eInvoicing - https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/eInvoicing

• PEPPOL - https://peppol.eu/about-openpeppol/what-is-openpeppol/
Thank you!