

EU Norm status information - Finland

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Introduction

- E-invoicing is widely used in Central Government in Finland
 - State Treasury reports about 90% of purchase invoices already collected as e-invoices
 - Target is that 88% of purchase invoices are automatically processed in 2020
 - E-invoice means structured invoices in Finland not pdf files
- Two widely used local e-invoice syntaxes
 - Finvoice
 - TEAPPSXML
- Current e-invoicing infrastructure is based on operator and banks network

EU Norm specification contribution

- Finnish Standards Association - SFS is a member of the International Organization for Standardization ([ISO](#)) and the European Committee for Standardization ([CEN](#))
- Finance work group in SFS organized participation in CEN TC-434 work
- Active forum in place for e-invoicing consisting of service providers (operators and banks), software houses and user organizations

Active information sharing and influence to CEN work throughout the development phase

Aligning local practice with EU Norm

- Both local formats (Finvoice and TEAPPSXML) have been updated into new version that is compliant with EU Norm contents
- Schema specifications and implementation guides made available in public
- It will be open and to be seen what role EU Norm specified syntaxes will have in the market
- Practice in Finland is fully based on so-called four-corner model in e-invoicing and supply chain messaging
- OpenPEPPOL is not widely used due the good coverage of existing local infrastructure
- Some service providers have also OpenPEPPOL Access Point functionality available

Workgroup for national implementation

- Ministry of Finance have appointed on 16th October 2017 workgroup to prepare EU Directive 2014/55/EU national implementation and other national development
- Workgroup term is between 1.10.2017-30.6.2018
- Main tasks are:
 - Prepare plan for Directive implementation
 - Prepare Government proposal for required law changes
 - Propose means to enhance e-invoice market functionality and including e-receipts
 - Plan actions to enhance e-invoice data security
 - Common principles for cooperation between different stakeholders

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