



European Commission

DG Enterprise and Industry

Update on the Expert Group on e-Invoicing

Helsinki, 11 September 2008

Antonio Conte

European Commission - DG Enterprise and Industry

Unit "ICT for Competitiveness and Innovation"



Expert Group on e-Invoicing - Mandate

DG Enterprise and Industry

Defined in Commission Decision of 31 October 2007:

Identify:

- shortcomings in current regulatory framework
- e-invoicing business requirements
- relevant e-invoicing data elements

Propose:

- responsibilities for standardisation bodies and time schedule
- European e-Invoicing Framework

Timeline:

- mid-term Report end of 2008, completion end of 2009



Regulatory Framework Stream

DG Enterprise and Industry

- To develop proposals to simplify and evolve the legal and regulatory framework for e-invoicing, focusing on VAT requirements
 - Electronic and paper invoices to be treated in the same way
 - European e-Invoicing Recommendation + Model Agreement
- To look into broader legal issues
 - Archiving, company legislation, intra-community rules



Business Requirements Stream

DG Enterprise and Industry

- To develop a set of high level Business Requirements drawing on existing material
- Validation of Business Requirements by stakeholders
- Particular attention to be paid to SMEs requirements and their relationships with each other and with the large enterprises, the public sector and consumers



Network & Standards Stream

DG Enterprise and Industry

- To develop a vision for how the market could better respond to user needs through network solutions supported by standards
- Work is proceeding on the creation of a “Network Model”, which could form the basis of a framework for interoperability
- Convergence between a number of European and global standards initiatives is taking place



End Result: EEI Framework

DG Enterprise and Industry

The vision:

- To achieve interoperability of e-invoicing solutions
- To be the basis for common business rules and standards
- To increase incentives for electronic trade
- To remove barriers to e-invoicing

At this stage the EEI Framework is conceived as a set of actionable recommendations and proposals, organised as a series of layers or pillars that need to be addressed.



Other Actions on e-Invoicing

DG Enterprise and Industry

Ongoing actions relevant to the work of the Expert Group:

- e-Invoicing and e-Ordering for public procurement (DG DIGIT)
- PEPPOL project (DG INFSO)
- Study on invoicing (DG TAXUD)



e-Invoicing and e-Ordering for Public Procurement

DG Enterprise and Industry

Objectives:

1. To contribute to the use of electronic invoices in the public sector according to the i2010 eGovernment Action Plan and the eProcurement Action Plan
2. To contribute to establishing the EEI Framework



Work Plan

DG Enterprise and Industry

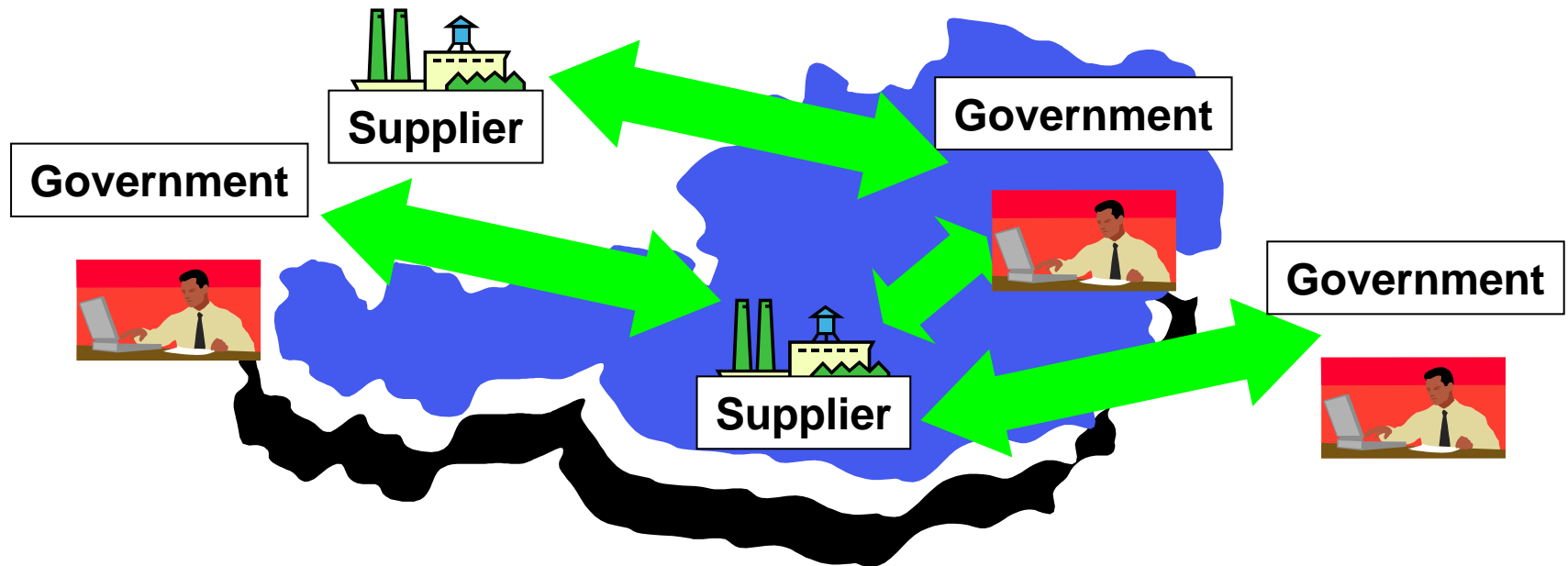
	Phase	Description of milestones reached or to be reached	Start date (QX/YYYY)	End date (QX/YYYY)
Phase I	PREPARATORY	Business Modelling: Description of business requirements in a cross-border environment	Q3/2007	Q1/2008
	FEASIBILITY	Global Implementation Plan	Q4/2007	Q1/2008
Phase II	DEVELOPMENT	Phase 1. Design and technical architecture Implementation of a prototype (Basic Invoice)	Q2/2008	Q4/2008
	DEVELOPMENT	Phase 2a. - Pilot of Phase 1 - Profile "Invoice with Dispute" - Workshop on Pilot of Phase 1	Q4/2008	Q2/2009
	DEVELOPMENT	Phase 2b: - Pilot of Phase 2a - Profile "Procurement Cycle" - Workshop on Pilot of Phase 2a - Packaging of lessons-learnt and re-usable items composing the developed solution	Q3/2009	Q4/2009



PEPPOL Project

DG Enterprise and Industry

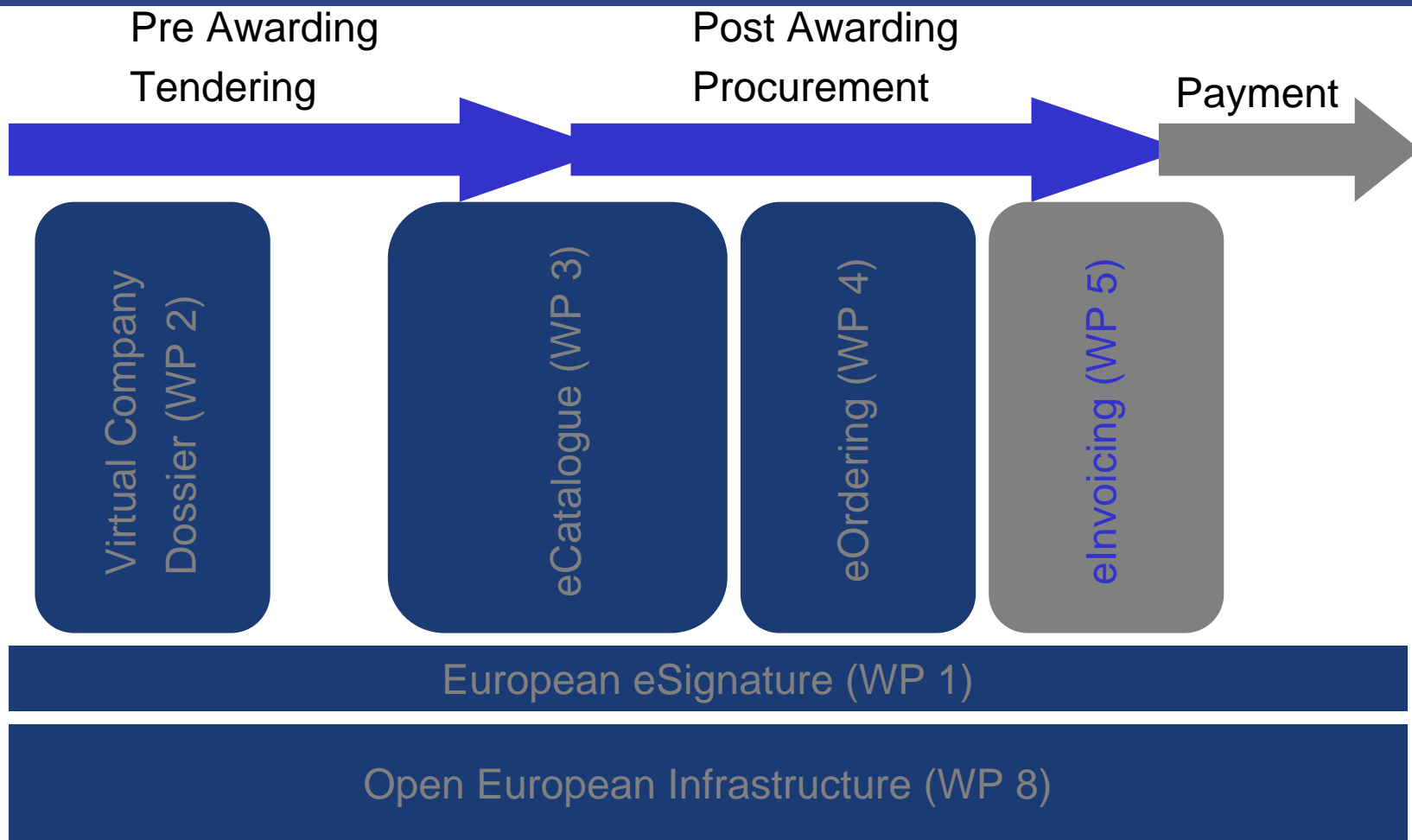
The broader vision is that any company (incl. SMEs) in the EU can communicate electronically with any EU governmental institution for all procurement processes





PEPPOL Framework

DG Enterprise and Industry





DG TAXUD Study on Invoicing

DG Enterprise and Industry

The study looked at all areas of invoicing:

- Requirement to issue an invoice
- Content of an invoice
- Storage of invoices
- E-invoicing
- Other issues (cash accounting, I-C transactions, Member States where the rules are applicable, reverse charge)



Work Areas

DG Enterprise and Industry

- Provide a table of invoice legislation in all 27 Member States
 - Estimate the uptake of e-invoicing solutions
 - Evaluate the cost of compliance for businesses and the reliance placed by Member States for control purposes on the legislation
 - Provide recommendations for possible improvements to the invoicing Directive
-
- > Public consultation based on the study (deadline: 19/9/2008)
 - > Final report in 4Q08