➔ Activity 4

Report on approach, status, deliverables and next steps
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Agenda

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→ Basics for Activity 4

→ Model to Interoperability

→ Conceptual use of the Semantic Data Model

→ COM (2013) 449 Final in context

→ Deliverables of Activity 4 Work, next steps, ...

→ CEN and 'European Standard'

→ Stakeholder involvement

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"Reaping the benefits of e-invoicing for Europe" (2010)

http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/payments/einvoicing/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/ict/e-invoicing/benefits/invoicing_forum_en.htm

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52010DC0712:EN:NOT

4 Key Priorities

1. Ensure a consistent legal environment for e-invoicing
2. Achieve mass market adoption by reaching SMEs
3. Stimulate an environment that creates maximum reach
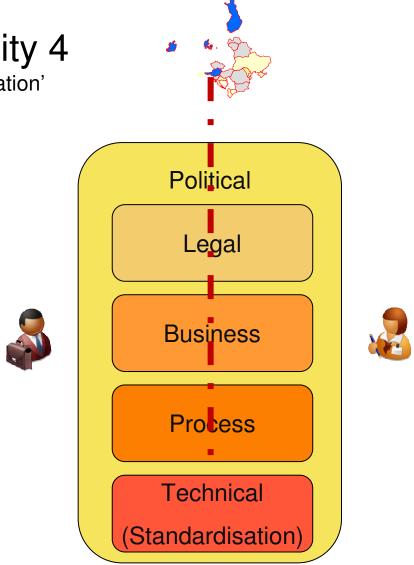4. Promote an e-invoice standard model

Basics for Activity 4

Basic Starting Points / Assumptions (endorsed by Multistakeholder Forum on 26/9/'12)

→ 'Communities' (like EU MS's, industry domains, …) have their own (autonomous) responsibilities

→ There cannot be a 'central overall European governance'

→ Within 'communities', business drives will cause a grow towards 'The Objective' ('predominant, e-Invoice') autonomously

→ Acceptance and/or implementation of a standard is a business decision; only if justified by a valid Business Case

→ Mandating a single format can cause large expenses to communities already using a format/standard that works.
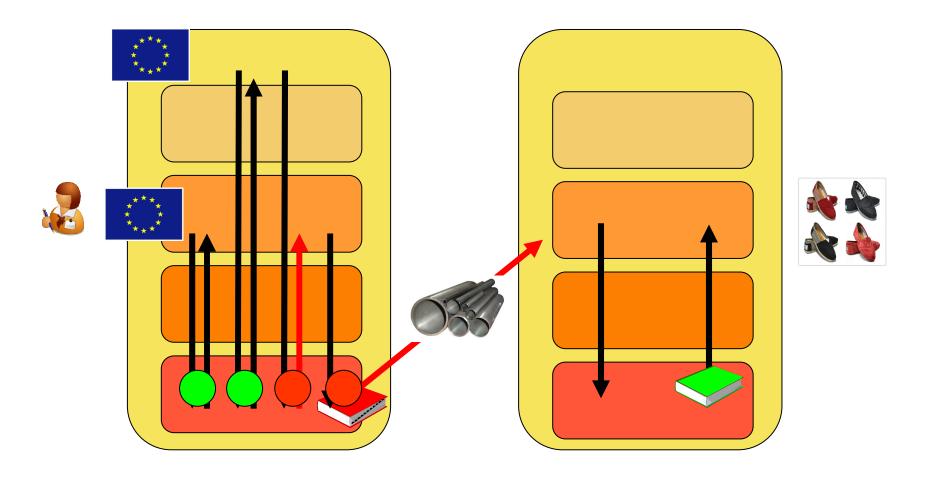
→ 'Inter-community' may need help, but only where relevant

Basics for Activity 4

The position of 'standardisation'

Political

> **Legal**

> **Business**

> **Process**

> **Technical**
>
> **(Standardisation)**

E-Business

Do's and don'ts of standardisation

Basics for Activity 4

Recap from resolutions of 26/9/'12 Multistakeholder Forum meeting
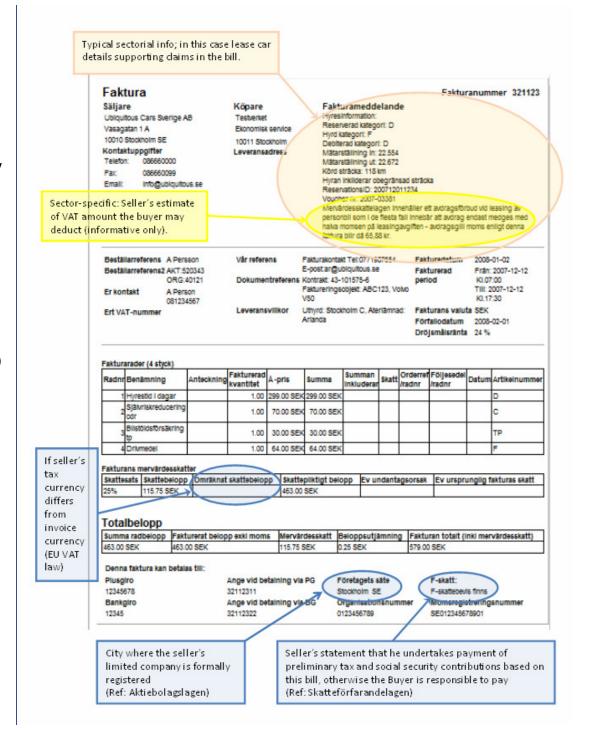
Next steps for Activity Group 4 were agreed as:

→ (1) Describe the model that will ensure interoperability at European level

→ (2) Identify/verify the requirements for the core e-invoice

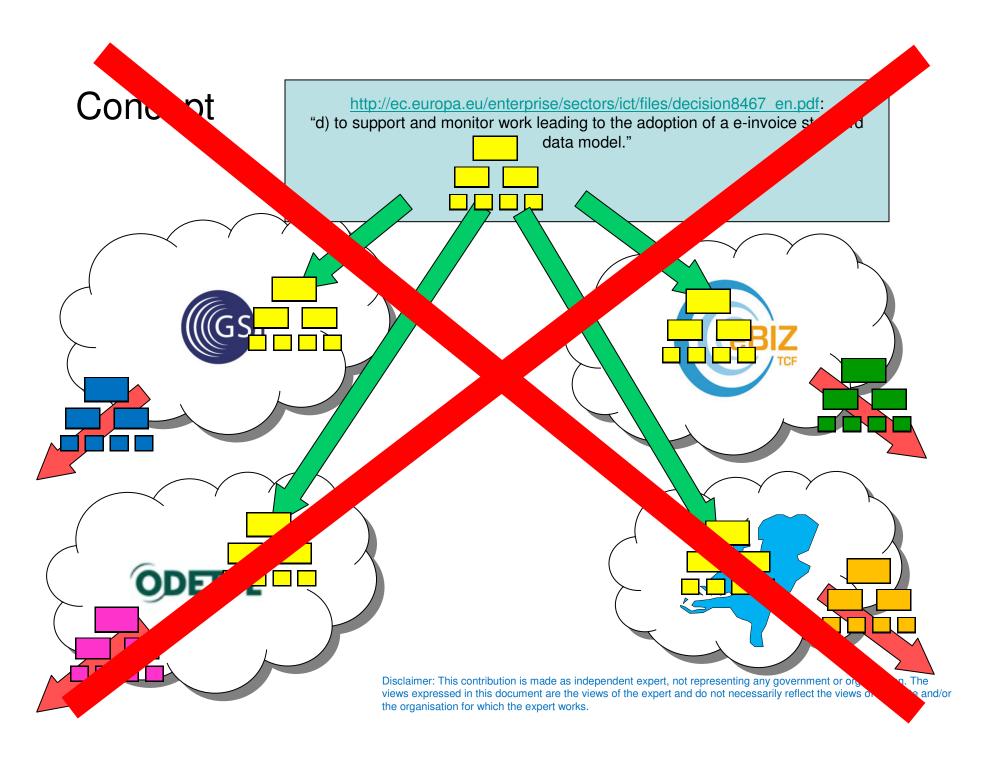Note Interoperability: '*run business processes across organisational boundaries*'

→ (3) Propose priorities for e-invoicing related standardisation activities (short term, long term)

→ Extra 'ingredient': DG Market activities on e-Invoicing in e-Procurement (http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/planned_ia/roadmaps_2013_en.htm#MARKT)
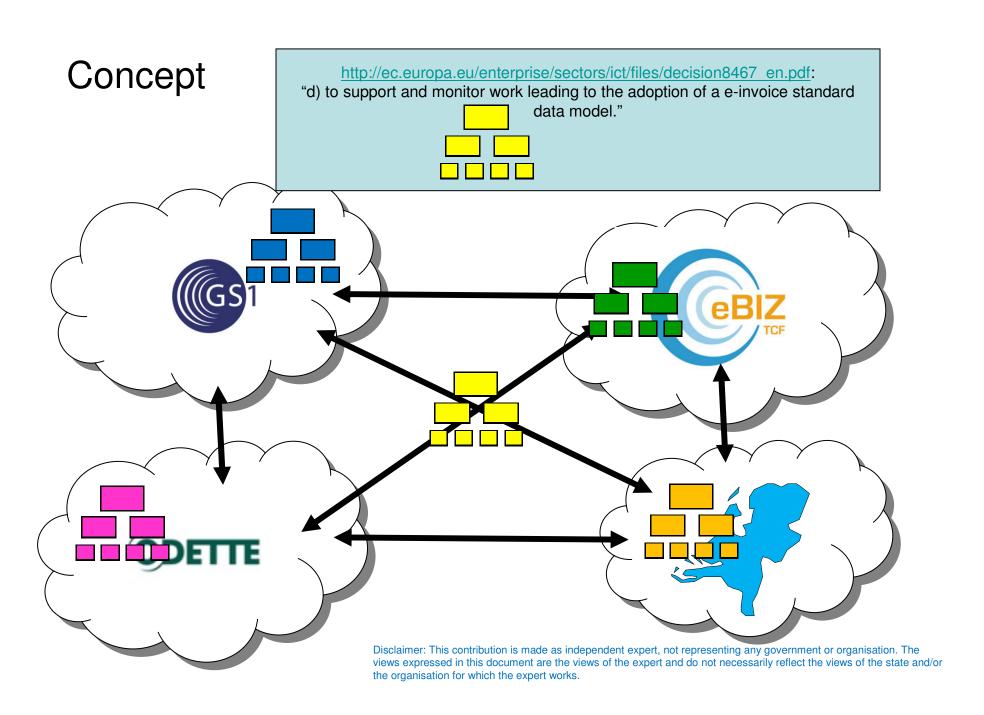
Model to Interoperability

→ "… with focus on creating interoperability **between** different formats and standards already in use by the different business communities"

→ Take a look at an invoice

→ Types of fields can be distinguished, that can be grouped into four:

1. Legal Section
2. Common Section
3. Sector Section
4. Country Specific Section (MS legislation)

→ Interoperability between communities can be facilitated by making recommendations on:

- What field should be in what section
- How to handle fields

→ Communities that recognise and acknowledge the importance of the interoperability are recommended to migrate

→ The proposals should not be showstoppers for innovation or information exchange for business processes in a wider context
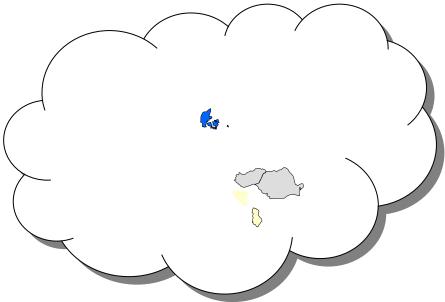
Typical sectorial info; in this case lease car details supporting claims in the bill.

Sector-specific: Seller's estimate of VAT amount the buyer may deduct (informative only).

If seller's tax currency differs from invoice currency (EU VAT law)

City where the seller's limited company is formally registered
(Ref: Aktiebolagslagen)

Seller's statement that he undertakes payment of preliminary tax and social security contributions based on this bill, otherwise the Buyer is responsible to pay
(Ref: Skatteförfarandelagen)

Same sector

Different sector

Concept

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/ict/files/decision8467_en.pdf:
"d) to support and monitor work leading to the adoption of a e-invoice standard data model."

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Concept

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COM(2013) 449 Final

Deliverables of Activity 4 work, next steps, ...

→ 'Recommendation' *(Core of COM (2013) 449 Final)* taking into account:

- The outcome of 'the Expert Group'
- Communities' interests – both existing and future
- The need to meet the timeline as envisaged under Europe 2020
- The required status of the standard: an EN is not a CWA

→ The accompanying 'Background Document' that further provides clarification and suggests necessary actions

→ The Terms of Reference for the development of the Semantic Data Model, including considerations on its context: other steps in supply chain plus functions like Supply Chain Finance, ...

→ *European Commission now in the process of defining a 'Mandate' for development of European Standard*

CEN constituency (slide as per September 2012)

→ 33 Members
(National Standards Bodies
of 27 EU Members + 3
EFTA countries + 3
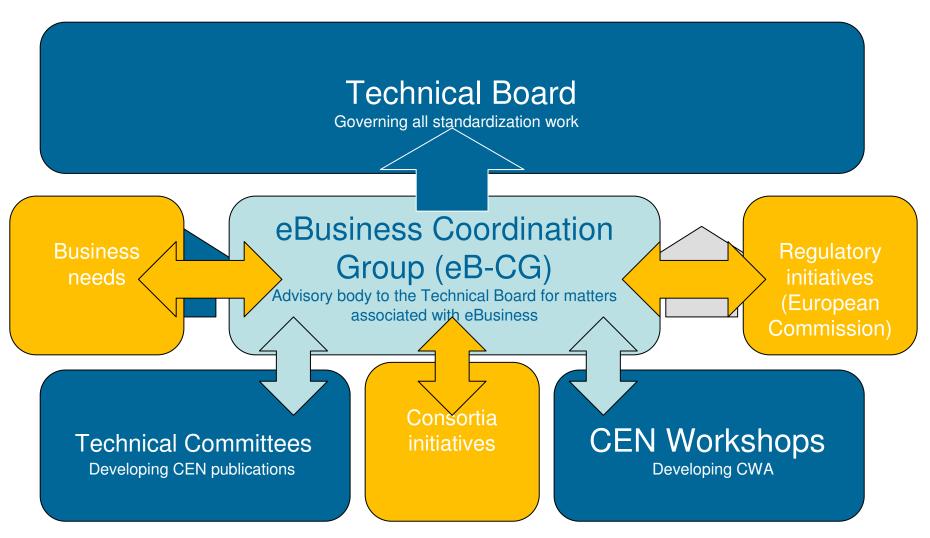applicant countries)

→ 17 Affiliates

→ 8 Associate Members

■ Members

■ Affiliates

Characteristics of European Standard (EN)

→ Participation in development through CEN Membership

→ Public enquiry + weighted vote

→ To be implemented by all Members as the national standard + withdrawal of all conflicting national standards

    → "European Standard' in fact refers to this formal implication, NOT to the contents of the EN

→ Average development time = 34 months

    → But special circumstances could allow for saving time

→ Ideal reference for use as complement to European legal framework

CEN's structure for eBusiness technical work

Technical Board
Governing all standardization work

eBusiness Coordination Group (eB-CG)
Advisory body to the Technical Board for matters associated with eBusiness

Business needs

Regulatory initiatives (European Commission)

Technical Committees
Developing CEN publications

Consortia initiatives

CEN Workshops
Developing CWA

Stakeholder involvement

In CEN:

→ The e-Business Coordination Group (eBCG) is an advisory group to CEN/BT; it will provide a focal point concerning eBusiness standardization issues

→ It shall not produce any (draft) standardization deliverables and will not challenge the formal remits of established technical bodies and workshops. Its deliverables shall take the form of advice and recommendations to CEN/BT

→ It will maintain oversight of standardization activities within its scope and may make recommendations, e.g. for changes or additions to TC work programmes or workshop activities, in order to address perceived gaps and overlaps

An example of involvement of stakeholders

Italy, same concept considered in Ireland, The Netherlands, ….

eBCG deliverables are being waited for

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CEN e-Business Coordination Group Kick-off meeting
27 September 2012

Keynote Address by Michel Catinat

The e-Business Coordination Group has a key role to play in this domain:

– by ensuring the timely identification of business and industry requirements and the subsequent definition of the standardisation work to be carried out in order to respond to their expectations,

– by improving the acceptance of the specifications across Europe,

– by stimulating their broader implementation.

I expect that the e-Business Coordination Group will work in close cooperation with the services of the Commission in order to provide the necessary support from the standardisation perspective to relevant legislation, policies and initiatives included in the e-business domain and in the Digital Agenda for Europe at large.

Questions