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Interoperability in the Implementation of public eProcurement in Europe

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The 2010 flight to a common European Procurement standard is ready for take off; will passengers please prepare for boarding



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A framework for technical interoperability

The objectives of the Workshop are to provide a basic framework for technical interoperability in pan-European electronic transactions, expressed as a set of technical specifications that cross-refer to relevant activities, and in particular are compatible with UN/CEFACT in order to ensure global interoperability. The Workshop will be focused on implementation facilitations and coordinating pilots implementing the technical specifications output. The requirements and final specifications will be input into UN/CEFACT.

The starting point for the Workshop is the NES and CODICE customizations of OASIS Universal Business Language 2.0, that is recognized by UN/CEFACT as a stepping stone towards a unified business standard.

What is NES?

NES is a subset and an application of UBL 2.0 developed and agreed by Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Iceland, Finland and the UK. It contains guidelines for documents and business processes for catalogue exchange, ordering and billing processes. Read more at www.ublnes.eu.

An engine for UN/CEFACT and OASIS

Nothing proves standards like real world implementations. The workshop will support the current convergence process between UN/CEFACT and OASIS Universal Business Language 2.0 and put the requirements from the workshop into both organizations. NES is based on real world experience like "OIOXML electronic invoice" and SVEFAKTURA. CODICE is based on detailed mapping of EU requirement to the tendering process. With NES and CODICE we have good starting point for specifications that can do for multipart cross border trade.

What is CODICE?

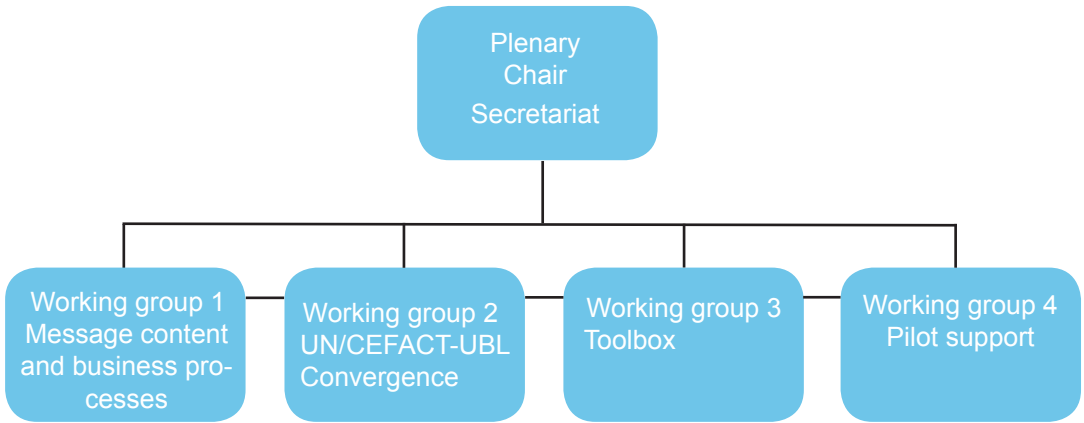
CODICE is a framework architecture with the common components, documents, naming and design rules for electronic public procurement allowing for extension and adaptation to different contexts of use. CODICE is based on the UBL 2.0 library.

A forum for a CIP Pilot consortium

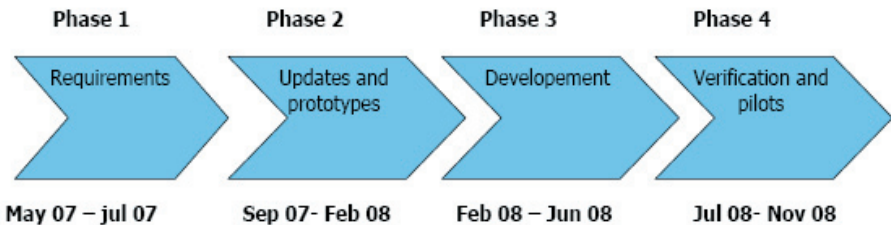
The workshop will deal with all the technical aspect to apply for a CIP Pilot about eOrdering, eInvoicing, use of digital signature and virtual dossier. Besides assisting making the application the workshop will also provide project templates, test plans and other support to the pilot consortium.

How is the workshop organized?

The workshop is organized in a steering committee and four working groups. A workshop member can be represented in all working groups.



What is the timeline?



The Workshop will be divided into four phases, each having deliverables from each of the four activities.

The first phase will establish the Workshop, appoint document editors, will gather requirements from the participants by reviewing the NES and CODICE specifications and will formulate a proposal for a multi-facet cross-border pilot project to be submitted as a proposed CIP eProcurement Pilot project .

The second phase will focus on the “low hanging fruits”, update (including providing new versions of) the NES and the CODICE specifications, follow and gather experience about small pilot projects ran by the Workshop members, domestic or cross-border. These pilot projects can be seen as prototypes for the multiple pilots in phase 4.

The third phase will develop the missing parts. This could include:

- Guidelines for documents or business processes not part of the NES or CODICE activities;
- Recommendations for use of tools and standards in coherent way;
- Proposals for UN/CEFACT of business requirements for a set of unified documents;
- Test plans and project templates for the pilots.

The result of the third phase is one or more draft CEN Workshop Agreements.

The fourth phase will concern review and maintenance phase; it is hoped that full-scale multi-participant cross-border pilots will take place and be reviewed. The result of this phase will be one or more final CEN Workshop Agreements.

How can I board the workshop?

The workshop is open for everybody who is interested in participating in forming a European electronic common procurement market. This can be national standard bodies, government or region level organizations, sector organizations, consultant companies, software vendors or network service providers.

To participate you just send a representative to the kick-off meeting or send a email to plb@itst.dk

What does it cost and how many meeting must I attend?

The price for participation is 10.000 €. The fee covers the secretariat, project leaders and business experts to write the deliverables. It has been an experience from NES having paid project leaders and business experts, that the process becomes more stable by doing so.

It is up to you how many meetings or working groups you want to attend. There will be 3-4 face to face meetings per working group per phase plus some telephone conferences. The meeting schedule will be decided in the working group and coordinated by the steering committee.



Where can I read more?

The workshop business plan proposal is available at www.cen.eu