

European eInvoicing Project: implementation of the European electronic invoice within the Public Health area

GOVeIN is a research project funded by Connecting Europe Facility programme, with an aim to ease the adoption of the e-invoicing by public and private entities in the health sector. The project with duration of 13 months (1 October 2016 – 31 October 2017) and a total budget of 1.1 Million Euros brings together the main actors related to the cross-border exchange of electronic invoice in the Public Health area, including hospital trusts and laboratories.

The EU Directive 2014/55 of the European Parliament and Council, on electronic invoicing in public procurement, aims to develop a European system ensuring interoperability among Member States, to facilitate public procurement and cross-border e-commerce.

Based on this EU Directive, this project consists of establishing a consortium in the European public health area in order to implement a pilot project for the exchange of e-invoices with public administrations in accordance with the specifications on semantic interoperability set out.

Some advantages of eInvoicing are:

- eInvoices are easier to process, they reach the customer faster and can be stored centrally at very low cost.
- Faster payment by customers (such as public administrations) through significantly reducing transit time.
- Quicker and cheaper processing as information in eInvoices can be fed directly into payment and accounting systems.
- Help develop the European market by supporting solution providers in their transactions with public authorities in the context of new legislation.

The principal objectives of the project can be summarised in the following items:

- **Enhance eInvoicing interoperability** by the implementation of a multi-syntax solution able to handle e-invoicing in multiple standards, according to the needs of each participant with their own ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) systems and the specifications detailed in the European regulation (including EN invoicing standard and as a starting point PEPPOL BIS), in order to achieve semantically interoperable electronic documents.
- **Increase user awareness and adoption of the eInvoicing Directive.** The action will develop a communication plan to business, public authorities and other stakeholders in the health sector, based on a successful deployment of the solution during the action to 9 End Users (buyers and sellers) from several European countries.

- **eInvoicing Services Business Development:** The action will undertake the market analysis and business plan to ensure the sustainability of the action.

The consortium with 19 partner organizations is led by Edicom (Spain) with the administrative support and dissemination of European Management Consulting (Spain). The consortium is well-balanced in terms of involvement of Public Health area: Public health service: Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (United Kingdom), London North West Healthcare NHS Trust (United Kingdom), Instytut Kardiologii im. Prymasa Tysiąclecia Stefana Kardynała Wyszyńskiego (Poland), Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Netherlands), Ctre Hosp Intercom Compiègne Noyon (France), Centre Hospitalier Alpes-Isère (France); Health sector provider: Abbott Laboratories S.A (Spain), Wernlife (Spain), Healthlogistics Co. UK. Ltd. (UK), Teleflex Medical Europe Ltd (Ireland); Technical reserach and support: Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (Spain), Universitat Politècnica de València (Spain), Universitat de Valencia (Spain), Università della Calabria (Italy), Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara (Romania), Budapesti Műszaki és Gazdaságtudományi Egyetem (Hungary) and Leading Management Technology (Spain).

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