



Ministry of Economic Affairs
and Climate Policy

Implementing electronic invoicing

Experiences and challenges

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The role of EZK in Electronic invoicing

- › Economic Affairs and Climate Policy is responsible for electronic invoicing legislation
- › It stimulates the transition to electronic invoicing in the market
- › As a government organization, it has also implemented electronic invoicing as a recipient
- › My presentation will focus on this aspect



Essential capabilities

- › **Validating** incoming e-invoice messages
- › **Routing and delivering** messages to the correct financial administration
- › **Processing** the invoice in the financial administration
- › **Matching** the invoice with a corresponding procurement order



Invoice validation

Challenges:

1. Multiple e-invoice standards
2. Changes in e-invoice standards

European standard basically adds another standard; the currently used standards will not be obsolete overnight.

Examples of standards :

OH-NL (government)

SETU (temporary labor)

SimplerInvoicing (network of service providers and software vendors)



Routing and delivery (1)

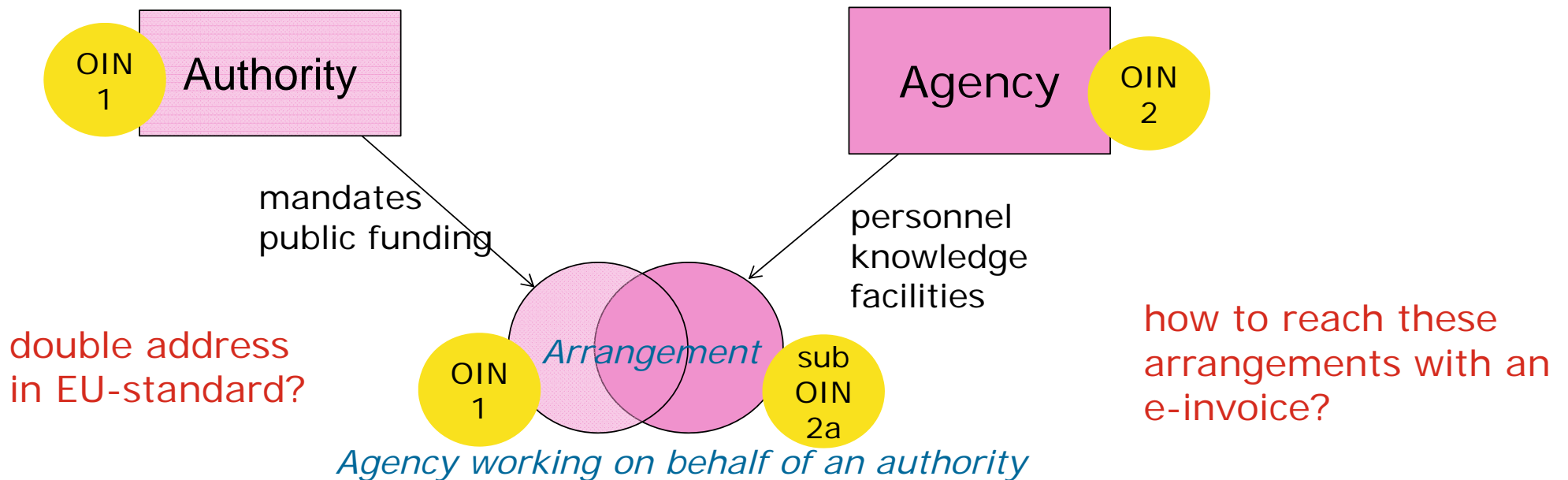
Challenges:

1. Multiple financial administrations within one organization
2. Delivery form depends on financial administration
3. Not all financial administrations kept in the same software system.
4. Invoice sender needs to know all relevant delivery parameters.
5. Testing the chain can be complicated



Routing and delivery (2)

Complexity of Business Process Outsourcing:





Processing invoices in software system

Basic strategy:

- Make sure invoices match a **procurement order**,
- Selective, **minimal mapping** of e-invoice to ERP-system; take most information from the (already registered) procurement order
- Import a (fully mapped) PDF copy as an appendix for future reference

Challenges:

- How to deal with invoices without a reference to a procurement order?
- Refuse them, or process them manually?
- What can the receiver demand under the EU-guideline?



Matching invoices to procurement orders

Invoices can be processed automatically, if:

1. There's a correct procurement **order-id** on the invoice
2. The **seller** information matches the procurement order
3. The **payment amount** matches the procurement order
4. The **bank account** matches the seller registration

In other cases, an employee needs to look at the matching using the ERP-system.



Implementing the European standard

Two principal strategies possible:

1. **Converting** the European standard / NL CIUS to a currently implemented standard (OH-NL)
2. **Fully implementing** the European standard / NL CIUS (validation, routing, mappings to financial software)

In the short term, expect to work with multiple standards.

Gradual transition from OH-NL to the European standard.

Automatic conversion reduces impact and leads to a more manageable transition.



Will SCOBDO provide the solution?

We believe it might!

