Experimenting in Cross-border eInvoicing: Case in Austria - Italy – Slovenia

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Outline

Use of modern ICT enables simplified and more effective and efficient way of executing business processes. Large organizations usually adopt modern ICT and new business models much faster than SMEs. Due to the lack of resources (human, knowledge and financial), SMEs more often stay behind. However, ICT offers many
opportunities also to the SMEs. As in EU more than 99% of companies are SMEs, there are many opportunities and challenges to involve them into new ways of doing business. SMEs also create 50% of GBP at EU level. For that reason it is important also for SMEs not to overlook the opportunities (higher productivity, acceleration of innovations) of modern ICT usage.

EU supports research and development programs in this field. There are many directives accepted at EU level in order to simplify and modernize regulations tackling eBusiness field. One of the directives is Directive 2001/115/EC, specially focusing on eInvoicing. The Directive was adopted in all EU member states in 2004. eBSN network also suggests acceleration of eInvoicing usage in all EU member states. However, eInvoicing remains a great challenge for organizations in EU; especially for SMEs.

In order to accelerate eInvoicing adoption and discuss eInvoicing opportunities and issues; workshops, panels have been organized with the participation of partners from Austria, Italy and Slovenia

http://www.elivinglab.org/invoicing/RelatedActivities.htm

Furthermore, launched are eInvoicing initiatives and related projects at their national level of the neighbouring countries.

**Slovenia**

Initiative: eInvoicing eRegion - Slovenia Project Initiative, November 2005 (in Slovene language only)

Project: “Train the trainers: educating independent e-business instructors for SMEs

http://www.e-racun.si/

**Austria**

Initiative: The Austrian Initiative for Standardizing a Common e-Billing Interface and European Perspectives

Project: ebCrossBorder

**Italy**

Initiative: to be indicated

Project: to be indicated

The next step in accelerating cross-border eInvoicing adoption is experimenting phase. Expected results of the experiment are to identify possibilities for simplification of an cross-border business processes and procedures, and indicating main directions towards needed supporting eGovernment services.

The workshop objective is to present first cross-border experimenting results (possibilities for simplification of cross-border business processes and procedures) and related future plans by presenters from Austria, Italy and Slovenia.

The Workshop is also to encourage and moderate the exchange of experience and perspectives between the workshop members and the audience.