

About OpenPEPPOL

OpenPEPPOL AISBL is an international non-profit association established under Belgian law. The association became operational in September 2012, following the successful completion of the PEPPOL project. The PEPPOL project was a large scale pilot project under the ICT Policy Support Programme (ICTPSP) part of the EU Competitiveness and Innovation framework Programme (CIP).

OpenPEPPOL Goals

1. Encourage European governments and their suppliers to continue implementing eProcurement, by using the PEPPOL specifications and promoting best practices.
2. Encourage the development of innovative PEPPOL-based ICT products and services, promoting the use of PEPPOL also in the Business to Business domain in order to harmonise processes across the private and public sectors, thus simplifying eProcurement adoption for small and medium sized enterprises.
3. Ensure that the PEPPOL network continues to grow in an open, accessible and compliant manner, supporting interoperability for European public services and helping Europe move towards a Digital Single Market

The role of OpenPEPPOL

Ensures e-Procurement interoperability through:

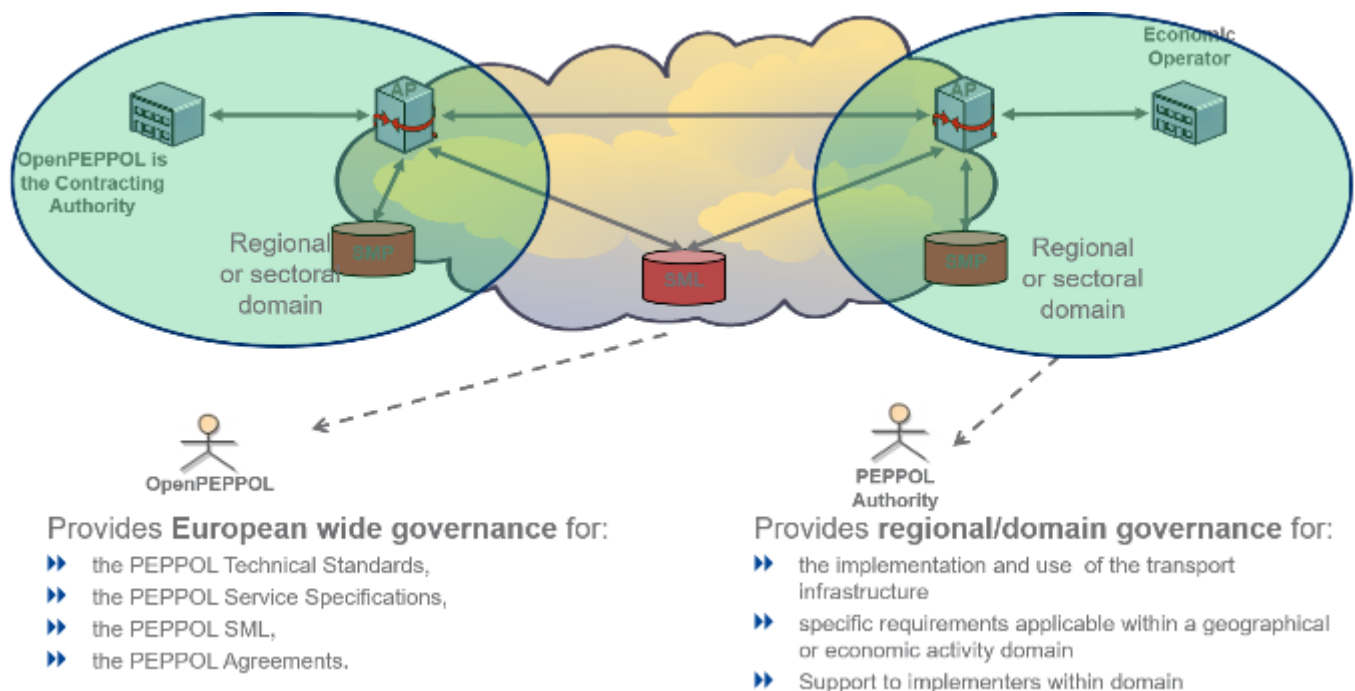
- PEPPOL Business Interoperability Specifications (BIS) for Post-award procurement processes (e.g: eOrdering, eInvoicing, etc) and Pre-award.
- PEPPOL Transport Infrastructure (the PEPPOL eDelivery network).
- PEPPOL Transport Infrastructure Agreements (many-to-many regime).

Long-term sustainability

A long-term sustainability roadmap was agreed within the original PEPPOL project consortium. The roadmap describes three parallel approaches for sustainability of PEPPOL results:

- User driven approach: OpenPEPPOL
- EC supported approach towards establishment of Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) through:
 - DG DIGIT operations and governance of centralised software components/services.
 - CIP ICTPSP large scale pilot project e-SENS.
- Standardisation approach; continued efforts for standardisation of business processes, semantics and eDelivery through CEN (WS BII/PC 434/PC440), OASIS TC BDX and other relevant standardisation initiatives.

The PEPPOL governance framework



Becoming a member

Membership is open to public and private organisations interested in the adoption of standardised e-Procurement solutions and EU-wide connectivity. By becoming a member of OpenPEPPOL, organisations will have the unique opportunity to join forces and drive adoption of standards, process automation and connectivity across Europe.



Member benefits

In particular, OpenPEPPOL members enjoy the following benefits:

- Ensure relevance and usability of the PEPPOL specifications and services through an ongoing review of business requirements
- Influence the possible expansion of PEPPOL specifications, building blocks and services to other areas of use
- Influence the development of eProcurement standardisation and adoption of standards in Europe
- Access to a wide group of private and public sector members with expertise in multiple countries and industries.

Membership of OpenPEPPOL is open to the following types of organisations:

- Public sector buyers, suppliers and other end-users of PEPPOL specifications, building blocks and services
- Government entities acting as PEPPOL Authorities within the PEPPOL network (according to provisions of the PEPPOL Transport Infrastructure Agreements)
- Service Metadata Publisher (SMP) Providers
- Access Point Providers
- eSignature Validation Service Providers
- Pre-award Service Providers
- Other organisations with a shared interest in the activities of OpenPEPPOL

OpenPEPPOL is aiming for a balanced stakeholder representation, and encourages SME associations, trade organisations and eProcurement providers to join the OpenPEPPOL community. OpenPEPPOL membership is mandatory for PEPPOL Authorities, PEPPOL Access Point and SMP providers.

For further information please visit the membership section of our website at:

www.peppol.eu/about_peppol/copy_of_how-to-join/membership

The OpenPEPPOL Association structure

