

IBM Supply Chain Business Network - PEPPOL

Highlights

- Reduce complexity and dependency on customized electronic formats
 - Reuse standardized electronic documents, internationally
 - Reduce cost and increase ROI on electronic trade
 - Simplify the trading process with both B2G and B2B communities
 - Help ensure compliance with local country and EU trade regulations
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A single, digital business network with PEPPOL Access Point to simplify trade and help ensure compliance with B2G and B2B standards.

What is PEPPOL?

Electronic trade in public-sector environments has historically been complex and costly. It's often dependent on non-repeatable and custom-built solutions that slow down the trading process. Pan-European Public Procurement Online (PEPPOL) is an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) standard, using UBL (Universal Business Language) XML, that enables business-to-government (B2G), public entities and their trading partners, as well as business-to-business (B2B) to exchange electronic procurement documents over its network. PEPPOL offers a standardized interoperable messaging connection for e-ordering, e-invoicing, electronic credit notes and advanced shipment notifications. These technologies automate information exchange across the supply chain, help reduce cost, and mitigate potential risk of human error.

A key feature of the PEPPOL network is that buyers and/or sellers are free to engage with any Access Point provider of their choice to send and receive electronic documents with PEPPOL-networked organizations across the globe through a single source. Suppliers using PEPPOL can benefit from having access to all PEPPOL-enabled trading partners, regardless of location, without having to work through multiple systems.

Help meet government regulations and expand visibility

IBM Supply Chain Business Network (SCBN) offers a flexible digital business network to help meet specific B2B and B2G requirements to help reduce the time and complexity of securely integrating with trading partners. With SCBN, you are pre-connected with a global network of more than 400,000 trading partners and an additional 130,000 PEPPOL trading partners exchanging billions of documents a year.

The SCBN PEPPOL solution provides a PEPPOL Access Point to seamlessly exchange PEPPOL documents with public-sector customers, suppliers, and trading partners. This provides a centralized, global, B2B and B2G ecosystem, so you will not have to worry about meeting PEPPOL requirements manually or integrating a separate tool specific for PEPPOL.

Scaling to meet your PEPPOL needs

The SCBN PEPPOL solution creates a one-stop shop to simplify collaboration with B2B and B2G suppliers across your supply chain by digitizing and automating B2B transactions to increase efficiency and reduce costs.

Being able to provide the right level of service to meet the needs of public-sector organizations, is key for many businesses, so you do not miss out on potential revenue generating business. As PEPPOL is adopted by an increasing number of public-sector bodies across Europe, it becomes more critical that suppliers have a PEPPOL solution that they can rely on. It's important that suppliers have a PEPPOL solution that can scale to support the document volumes that they will need and a solution that can support PEPPOL requirements across many different countries.

Solving today's issues in the Cloud

With the high costs of on-premise B2B licenses, servers and ongoing maintenance, many clients are seeing significant benefits by moving to a highly secure, cloud-based business network like SCBN. They receive greater ROI through quick start ups, faster onboarding and ease of access.

e-Invoicing is both better trade and better compliance

SCBN also includes a e-Invoicing solution which aligns perfectly with PEPPOL to assure peace of mind with compliance, accommodating different and evolving national requirements. As customers expand their use of electronic trade, particularly electronic invoicing, it is important to have a single tool that adapts to country-level rules on document retention, integrity and authenticity of electronic fiscal invoices.

Why IBM?

The SCBN PEPPOL solution is part of a secure, cloud-based, digital business network that provides a unified solution that enables B2B and B2G, European public entities and their customers, suppliers and trading partners to exchange electronic procurement documents over its network. IBM has been a PEPPOL leader for more than 10 years and has clients that trade seamlessly across several countries from a single interface. This setup helps to ensure compliance with various European and local regulations and mandates, which saves clients time and money.

For more information

To learn more about how SCBN can seamlessly exchange B2B and B2G transactions with their customers, suppliers, and trading partners, visit:
<https://www.ibm.com/us-en/marketplace/peppol-services>

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