

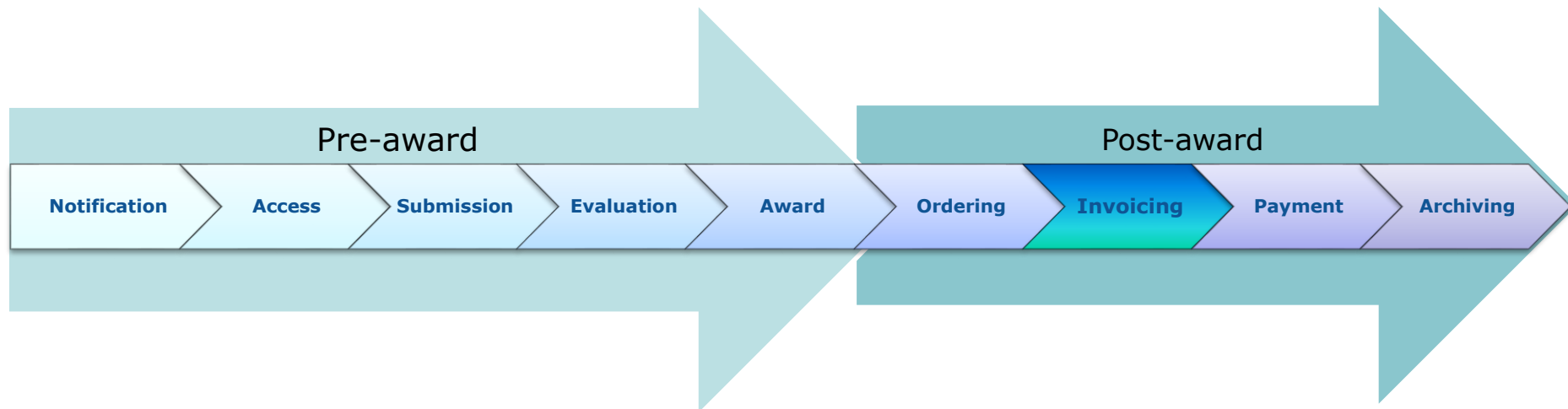


Move to eInvoicing in the EU: building on national experiences

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The public procurement process

The complete process



Objectives of the eInvoicing Directive

- *Eliminate barriers in the Single Market*
- *Facilitate use of e-invoicing and create new business opportunities for enterprises, especially cross-borders*
- *Generate savings for administrations and businesses and help reduce payment processing times*

"Predominant mode of invoicing in the EU by 2020"

EU legal framework

- *Directive 2014/55/EU on eInvoicing in public procurement calls for:*
 - **European eInvoicing standard (EN) to be developed and tested by CEN**
 - **All CAs and CEs in the EU obliged to receive and process electronic invoices compliant with the new standard**
- *Scope:*
 - **Only invoices covered by EU Public Procurement Directives**
 - **Only invoices submitted to the public sector**
 - **Covers all public authorities (national, regional, local)**

The new standard (EN) - public inquiry in November

- build on existing specifications developed by CEN and take into consideration other relevant eInvoicing systems and specifications (UN/CEFACT, ISO, etc.)
- not replace existing eInvoicing standards – national systems can continue to be used
- be compliant with provisions of Directive 2006/112/EC (VAT Directive)
- be compatible with international standards
- be adapted for use in B2B sector
- take into consideration needs of SMEs and sub-central CAs

European Standard package

- **CEN to provide several ancillary standardisation deliverables:**
 - Limited list of syntaxes
 - Related syntax bindings
 - Recommendations on transmission interoperability

- **Ancillary deliverables will not be part of the EN**

BUT:

- **CAs/CEs will be obliged to receive and process e-invoices sent in the EN and any of the syntaxes on the limited list**

Timetable

- **Standardisation request to CEN: Q3 2014**

- Publication of the EN at the latest within 36 months

- **Public inquiry on the semantic data model:**

- November 2015 – for 3 months

- **Implementation:**

- CAs and CEs must be able to receive and process electronic invoices that comply with the standard by latest 27 November 2019

BUT:

- Minimum of 18 months from the publication of the EN in the Publication Office
- Possibility to postpone deadline for regional and local authorities for a further 12 months

Key element of the Directive

- *"Contracting authorities and contracting entities are obliged to accept electronic invoices compliant with the new standard"*

Goal of CEF eInvoice DSI

- To support the uptake of the receiving of electronic invoices in Europe
- To support solution/service providers to implement the EN and its list of syntaxes
- Not replace existing eInvoicing standards – national systems can continue to be used

WP 2015 Generic Services*

- *Actions*
 - Support implementation of eInvoicing solutions
 - Specially on **regional and local** level
- *Criteria*
 - Preferably based on CEN MUG and CEN BII
 - And which take results of European large scale pilot projects into account
 - As well solutions which are based on EU or international standards, if they envisage compliance with the future EN

Financial support

- **EUR 7 million**
- **Consortia consisting of**
 - at least **5 entities** from one or more Member State(s) composed of public or private entities
 - at least **half should be public**
- **Duration: 1 year**
- **Co-financing rate: 75%**
- **Call for proposals: October 2015 for ~ 3 months**

INEA: Partnership with the Commission

European Commission

Defines the policy

- Defines strategy, objectives and priority areas/work programmes
- Selects projects for co-financing
- Makes programme decisions
- Evaluates the programme and the Agency's performance

INEA (Executive Agency)

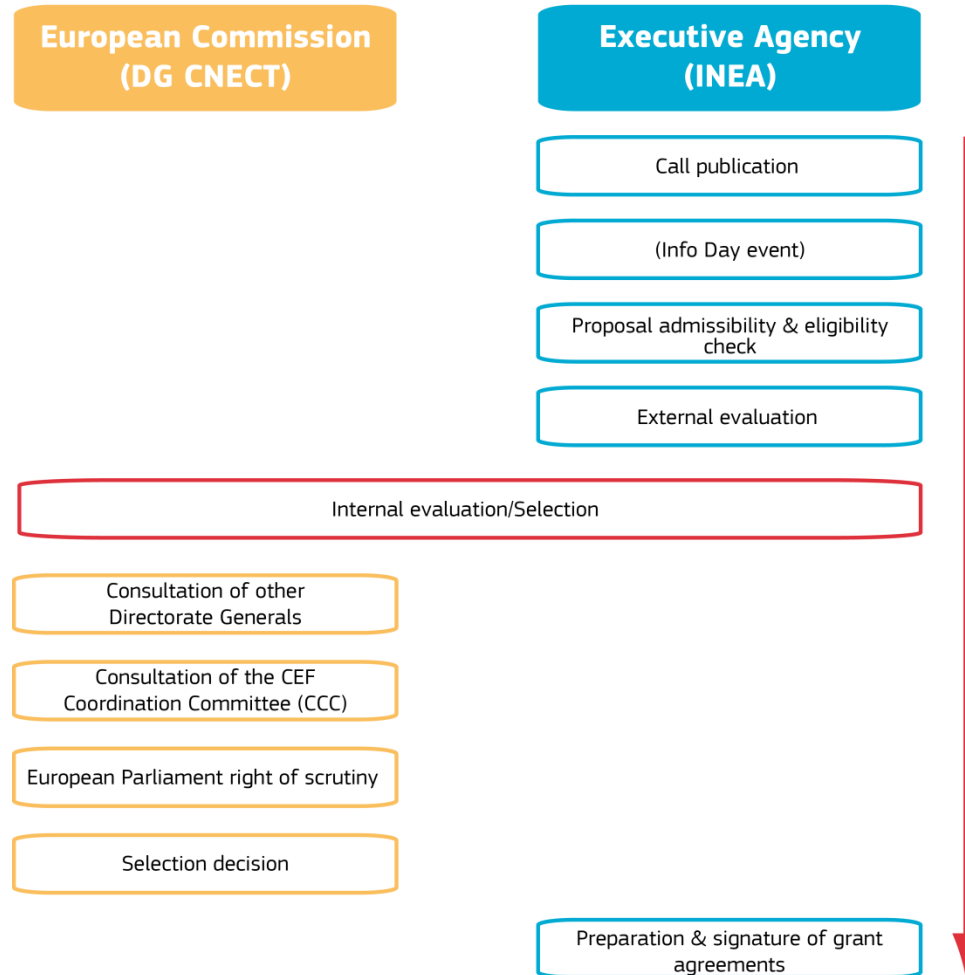
Turns policy into action

- Organises calls for proposals
- Monitors the technical and financial implementation of projects
- Manages project lifecycle
- Ensures sound financial management



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The Call Process





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The call process: step by step

1. Call publication & application support

- Call published in Official Journal and announced on **specific call page** on INEA website
- Call texts, Guide for Applicants, application forms prepared by INEA and available on call page at publication
- **Helpdesk** operational as of call publication: FAQs made available on call page
- Info Day (*optional*) held 1-2 weeks after call launch

2. Proposal submission

- **Fully electronic proposal submission** done via **TENtec** – system used to manage the CEF projects during their entire lifecycle and which enables the electronic submission of proposals under the CEF calls
- All application forms and access to TENtec eSubmission module available via call page on INEA website

3. Admissibility/Eligibility Committee

- Checks compliance with **admissibility conditions, eligibility and selection criteria**
 - Proposal submitted on time, complete, signed by the applicant, approved by the Member State
 - Applicant in an exclusion situation
 - Proposal meets the eligibility criteria (e.g. consortium composition)
 - Applicant has the financial and technical capacity to carry out the action
 - Proposal complies with relevant EU legislation (public procurement)

4. Technical Evaluation: overview

- External experts provide technical support on the submitted proposals in a two-step process:
 - 1. Individual reading of proposals**
 - 2. Consensus meeting for each proposal**
- Evaluation on the basis of the information included in the application and against the defined award criteria

5. Evaluation Committee

- Internal Commission committee convened by DG CNECT to select the proposals for funding
- Cuts any costs and/or activities that are not eligible or not recommended for funding
- Establishes a ranking list of actions proposed to receive CEF financial aid, including proposals with the same score

6. Selection Decision

- Commission Decision formally adopting a list of proposals selected for funding (and any reserve list)
- Draft is subject to an inter-service consultation within the Commission
- CEF Coordination Committee is consulted and the European Parliament informed
- Selection Decision adopted by the Commission
- Publicity actions (i.e. press release) carried out after adoption of Selection Decision

7. Grant agreement preparation and signature

- Once Decision is adopted, successful applicants are invited to by INEA to prepare the individual grant agreement
- Grant agreement is signed between the beneficiaries (applicants) and INEA and covers the technical, legal and financial aspects of the proposal based on evaluation results
- Model grant agreement is published on INEA website on the call page
- Project management carried out by INEA

2015 CEF Telecom calls

Call	Launch date	Deadline
CEF-TC-2015-1 eDelivery, eInvoicing, Safer Internet, Public Open data	In coming weeks <i>(indicative)</i>	Early 2016 <i>(indicative)</i>
CEF-TC-2015-2 CEF-TC-2015-3 eID, eHealth, eProcurement, Online Dispute Resolution	Before end of 2015 <i>(indicative)</i>	Spring 2016 <i>(indicative)</i>

2015 CEF Telecom calls

eInvoicing

€7 million - overall indicative budget

Main objective:

Increase uptake and the use of the eInvoicing DSI by supporting authorities – especially at the regional and local levels – in meeting the requirements of the eInvoicing Directive

2015 CEF Telecom calls: practical advice

- Watch INEA website (<http://ec.europa.eu/inea>) /Twitter feed (@inea_eu) for **exact call opening date**
- **Read through the call text**, Work Programme and other additional documents/information which will be provided on the call webpage before starting your application
- **Consult the FAQ pages** or call helpdesk if you have additional questions
- **Plan your work** accordingly – don't let deadlines slip away...

Good luck with your proposal preparation!

