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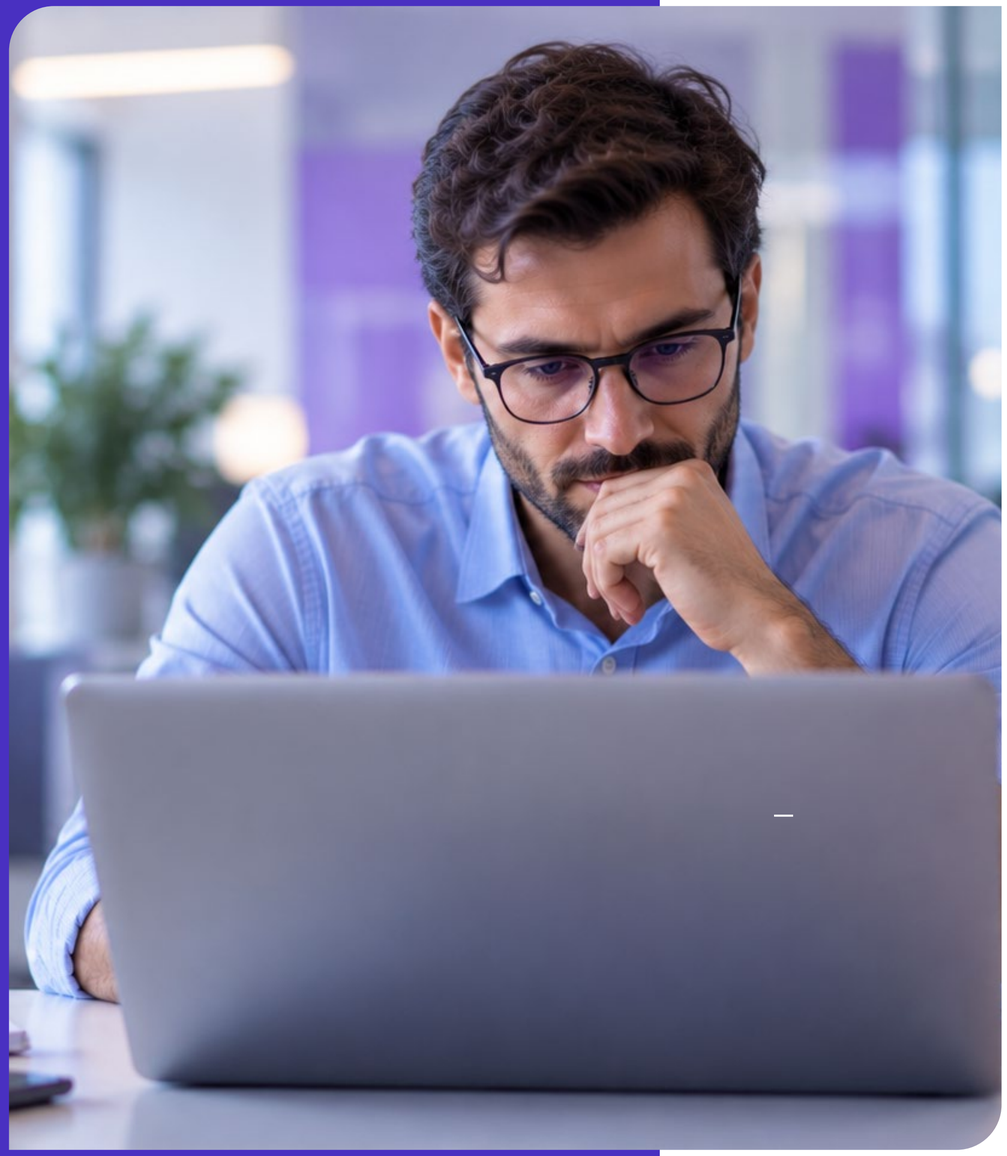
E-INVOICING

Everything You Need to Know About Mandatory E-Invoicing in Belgium

How to stay compliant



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The basics of mandatory e-invoicing in Belgium

When did mandatory e-invoicing take effect?

- Business-to-Government (B2G): Mandatory since March 1, 2024.
- Business-to-Business (B2B): Mandatory since January 1, 2026, for all domestic transactions between Belgian companies.

Which transactions are affected?

- All B2B transactions between Belgian companies subject to VAT are covered, with limited exceptions.

What is the next step?

An e-reporting obligation will be introduced in 2028. Technical details are still pending publication.

Why is e-invoicing mandatory?

E-invoicing has become mandatory in Belgium as part of the country's broader effort to modernize administrative processes and streamline business transactions. It represents a key step in Belgium's ongoing digital transformation toward greater efficiency and transparency.

What has changed with the e-invoicing reform?

Accepted formats

Invoices must be exchanged in the Peppol BIS format. Other EN16931-compliant structured formats may also be used, provided both parties agree.

Note: Paper and PDF invoices are no longer accepted, as PDFs are not considered a true electronic format under Belgian regulations.

Archiving requirements

All e-invoices must be **securely archived for 10 years,** as required by law.

Sending & receiving e-invoices

Peppol is the preferred network for transmitting and receiving e-invoices in Belgium.

Peppol: "Connect once, connect all"

What is Peppol?

Peppol (Pan-European Public Procurement Online) is a secure international network that allows businesses to exchange documents and data with anyone else registered as part of the network. It facilitates e-invoice exchange between companies or between companies and public entities.

Created as a European initiative, it has since become a worldwide reference for interoperability and compliance. Peppol is managed by OpenPeppol, a non-profit organization independent of any government, dedicated to simplifying digital business processes.

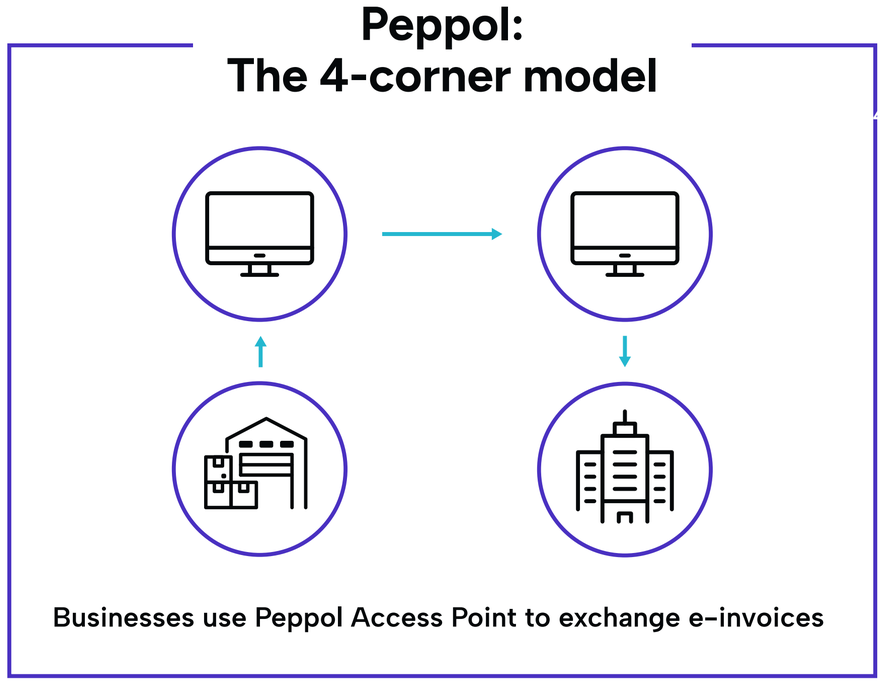
How does Peppol work in practice?

Through Peppol, any company connected to the network can exchange compliant invoices easily and securely. The system ensures interoperability and proper routing between participants via a Peppol centralized directory.

Belgium already uses Peppol for B2G invoicing — making it the logical choice for the B2B mandate as well.

Did you know?

Esker is certified as a Peppol Access Point. This means Esker is officially authorized by OpenPeppol to connect businesses to the network and handle compliant e-invoice exchanges.



Why use e-invoicing?

Digitizing your invoicing process offers significant operational and financial benefits:

Lower operational costs
Save on paper, printing, and mailing

Time savings
Automate manual tasks and focus on higher-value work

Faster processes
Speed up approval and payment cycles

Improved cashflow
Gain real-time visibility to quickly detect and resolve errors





Why choose Esker for e-invoicing?

Your trusted partner for compliant, efficient and future-ready e-invoicing in Belgium and beyond.

Officially compliant solution

Esker is listed by the Belgian government as a **certified provider for the e-invoicing reform**.

Certified Peppol Access Point

Start **exchanging e-invoices securely and seamlessly** with your partners.

Global compliance

Esker ensures your e-invoices meet regulatory standards in Belgium and **in over 60 other countries.**

Unified platform

Manage all customer and supplier invoices from **one automated, intuitive platform.**

Beyond invoicing

Automate your entire finance process — **from source-to-pay to order-to-cash** — for full operational visibility and efficiency.

See what's possible

Ready to turn these insights into action? Learn how Esker helps businesses like yours work smarter, scale faster, and achieve real, measurable results.

Take the next step at www.esker.com.

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For over 40 years, Esker has been rethinking how technology can improve the way businesses work. Today, Esker's Agentic AI Suite for the Office of the CFO combines proven automation with AI agents that turn data into action across source-to-pay and order-to-cash processes — improving working capital and cashflow, scaling productivity, and strengthening financial performance. This blend of expertise, trusted technology, and continuous innovation enables greater autonomy across workflows while keeping people in control of the decisions that matter. Headquartered in Lyon, France, Esker has 1,200 employees across 15 global locations.

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