

E-Invoicing Readiness Guide

What Finance Leaders Need to Know

Preparing for PEPPOL, Ireland's E-Invoicing Roadmap and Future Digital Reporting Requirements

Assess → Plan → Integrate → Test → Implement



E-Invoicing Is More Than Compliance

E-invoicing is becoming a business priority across Europe as governments introduce digital reporting requirements, PEPPOL adoption continues to grow and organisations prepare for the impact of VAT in the Digital Age (ViDA). Ireland is also progressing towards a phased introduction of mandatory e-invoicing and digital reporting requirements.

For most organisations, the challenge is not understanding that change is coming.

The challenge is understanding:

- What systems are affected
- Which processes may need to change
- How suppliers and customers will be impacted
- What readiness looks like in practice
- When preparation should begin



Did You Know?

Many organisations may need to receive and process structured electronic invoices before they are required to issue them.



Compliance



Automation



Efficiency



Visibility

What's Changing

Traditional vs Structured Invoice Journey

Traditional Processes

- PDF invoices
- Email attachments
- Manual validation
- Manual data entry
- Slow exception handling

Future Processes

- Structured electronic invoices
- PEPPOL exchange
- Automated validation
- System integration
- Digital reporting

The Shift to Structured Invoice Exchange



It is not simply a new format, it represents a shift towards greater automation, visibility and operational efficiency.

Why Organisations Struggle

The Challenge Is Rarely Compliance Itself

The challenge is coordinating systems, suppliers, customers, finance teams and technology partners in time for implementation.



Supplier Onboarding

Suppliers adopt at different speeds and often require support.



Integration

Existing systems must work together.



Testing

Validation and exception handling take time.



Multiple Systems

Finance, ERP and operational systems all play a role.



Cross-Border Requirements

Different countries are progressing at different speeds.



Ownership

Finance, IT and Tax need clear responsibilities.

The Cost of Waiting

Projects started early benefit from:

- Better planning
- More time for onboarding
- Better testing outcomes
- Lower delivery risk



The challenge is not compliance. It is coordination.

The Five Areas of Readiness

Understanding What Readiness Looks Like

Successful e-invoicing programmes involve more than technology. Organisations that prepare most effectively assess five key areas before implementation begins.

1. Governance

Project ownership, accountability and stakeholder engagement.



2. Processes

Current invoice flows, approvals and exception handling.



3 Systems

Finance, ERP, billing and integration landscape.



4. Suppliers & Customers

Trading partner readiness and onboarding requirements.



5. Implementation Planning

Scope, timelines, testing and resources.

Why It Matters

The organisations most likely to succeed understand their readiness across people, processes, systems and trading partners before implementation begins.

Ireland's E-Invoicing Roadmap

Ireland's Three-Phase Transition

Phase 1

November 2028

Large corporates begin mandatory e-invoicing and reporting.

Phase 2

November 2029

Expanded obligations for intra-EU trade.

Phase 3

July 2030

Alignment with wider EU ViDA requirements.

What Many Organisations Miss



Many businesses focus on when they may need to send e-invoices.

Under Ireland's phased transition, businesses may need to receive and process structured electronic invoices before mandatory sending requirements apply.

From November 2028, all businesses in Ireland must be capable of receiving structured e-invoices

Global E-Invoicing Momentum

Across Europe and internationally, governments are introducing or expanding e-invoicing and digital tax reporting requirements. Countries including Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Poland and Spain are implementing new mandates, while Ireland is following a phased roadmap aligned with the EU's VAT in the Digital Age (ViDA) initiative.

Organisations operating across multiple countries should consider not only local requirements, but also how finance systems, supplier onboarding and customer processes will be affected across their wider business.

The direction of travel is clear. Structured e-invoicing is becoming the default method of invoice exchange globally.

	Italy	Jan 19		UAE	Jan 27
	Saudi Arabia	Dec 21		Germany (Issuing)	Jan 28
	Romania	Jan 24		Ireland	Nov 28
	Germany (receiving)	Jan 25		United Kingdom	Apr 29
	Belgium	Jan 26		Ireland (Phase 2)	Nov 29
	Poland	Feb 26		EU ViDA	Jul 30
	France	Sept 26			

Why Organisations are acting now?

E-invoicing adoption is accelerating across Europe. While individual country timelines differ, the direction of travel is clear: structured electronic invoice exchange is replacing PDF-by-email processes.

Organisations that begin planning now are better positioned to manage onboarding, testing, integration and compliance requirements before deadlines.

Quick Readiness Check.

This quick readiness check is designed to help identify areas that may require further review. A full readiness assessment provides a more detailed review of systems, processes, suppliers, customers and implementation requirements.

Systems

- ☐ Where are invoices created?
- ☐ Where are invoices received?
- ☐ Which finance systems are involved?
- ☐ Are integrations required?

Governance

- ☐ Is there a programme owner?
- ☐ Have Finance, IT and Tax been engaged?
- ☐ Is a roadmap in place?

Suppliers & Customers

- ☐ Which suppliers may adopt first?
- ☐ Which customers will be impacted?
- ☐ Is onboarding support required?

Compliance

- ☐ What jurisdictions apply?
- ☐ What reporting obligations may exist?
- ☐ Has future PEPPOL readiness been considered?

How Many Boxes Can You Tick?

☒ Strong Foundation

10-13 boxes ticked

☐ Assessment Recommended

0-5 boxes ticked

☐ Some Planning Required

6-9 boxes ticked.



Ready To Take The Next Step?

This quick assessment provides a starting point only.

Take the E-Invoicing Readiness Assessment for a detailed review of systems, suppliers, customers, compliance requirements and implementation readiness.

You Don't Need Every Answer Today

But You Do Need A Plan

Organisations that prepare early are typically better positioned to manage onboarding, testing, integration and compliance requirements before deadlines approach.

What A Readiness Assessment Covers

Systems

Finance, ERP, billing and integration landscape.

Compliance

Current and future country requirements.

Suppliers & Customers

Readiness, onboarding and transaction volumes.

Implementation Planning

Ownership, timing and priorities.

Why Core Financial Systems + DCS?



Core brings

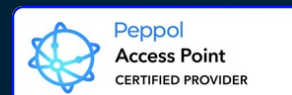
- Finance transformation expertise
- ERP and integration experience
- Practical implementation guidance
- Understanding of finance and operational processes

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DCS brings

- PEPPOL expertise
- Compliance readiness
- Structured invoice exchange
- Supplier onboarding support



Together

A practical finance-led approach to readiness, integration and implementation planning.



Take the E-Invoicing Readiness Assessment



Gain a clearer understanding of:

- ☒ Invoice flows
- ☒ Systems and integrations
- ☒ Supplier readiness
- ☒ Customer requirements
- ☒ Compliance exposure
- ☒ Practical next steps

[Take the Readiness Assessment](#)

Takes approximately 5 minutes to complete.

The organisations that prepare now will be best positioned to navigate future e-invoicing requirements with confidence.