



# Peppol

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Peppol Service Provider Community  
Regular meeting

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# Agenda

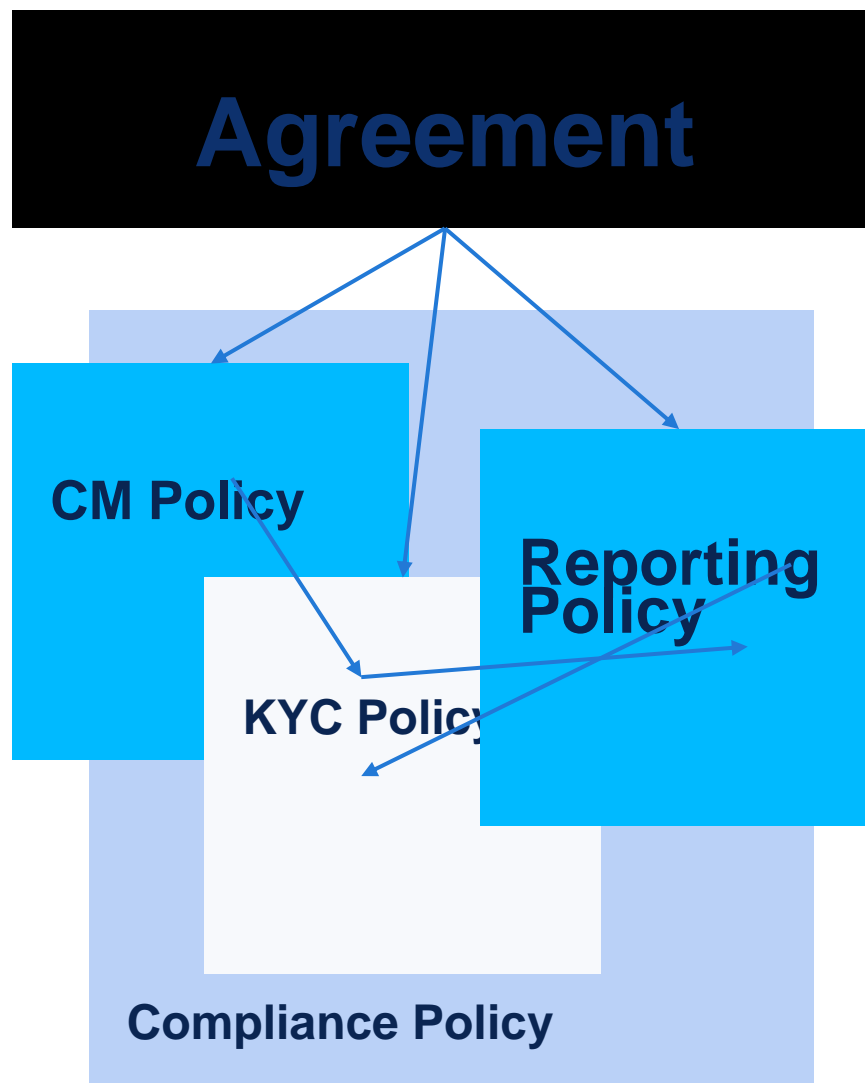
1. Update of Policies after the first review - status and next steps (Jakob Stenfalk, TF Leader)
2. Update on alignment of PA specific requirements (Jostein Fromyr)
3. Any other topics
  1. *Raised by IBM - When we make calls to add or delete recipients, that flows over https, which is fine. The problem is that the at runtime when sending messages the SMP calls are http.*

# Policy Revision Workgroup SPC Call Presentation

28 October 2020

Jakob Stenfalk

# Structure of the Current Drafts



## Issues identified in original drafts:

- No clear hierarchy of policies – any conflicts introduced are not easily resolved.
- Policies reach into each others' scope.
- Policies state rules for amending the Agreement, but these rules are not robust.  
=> Fails to provide legal certainty to contracting parties
- Places binding agreements on Parties, but neither PA nor SP consent required for amending policies

# The Core of the Problem

## A global network requires:

- An organization that works for both *customers* and *activists*
- Legal clarity and stability also for “mere” customers
- Capability to deal with large, sophisticated commercial players

**Current drafts fail to provide this**

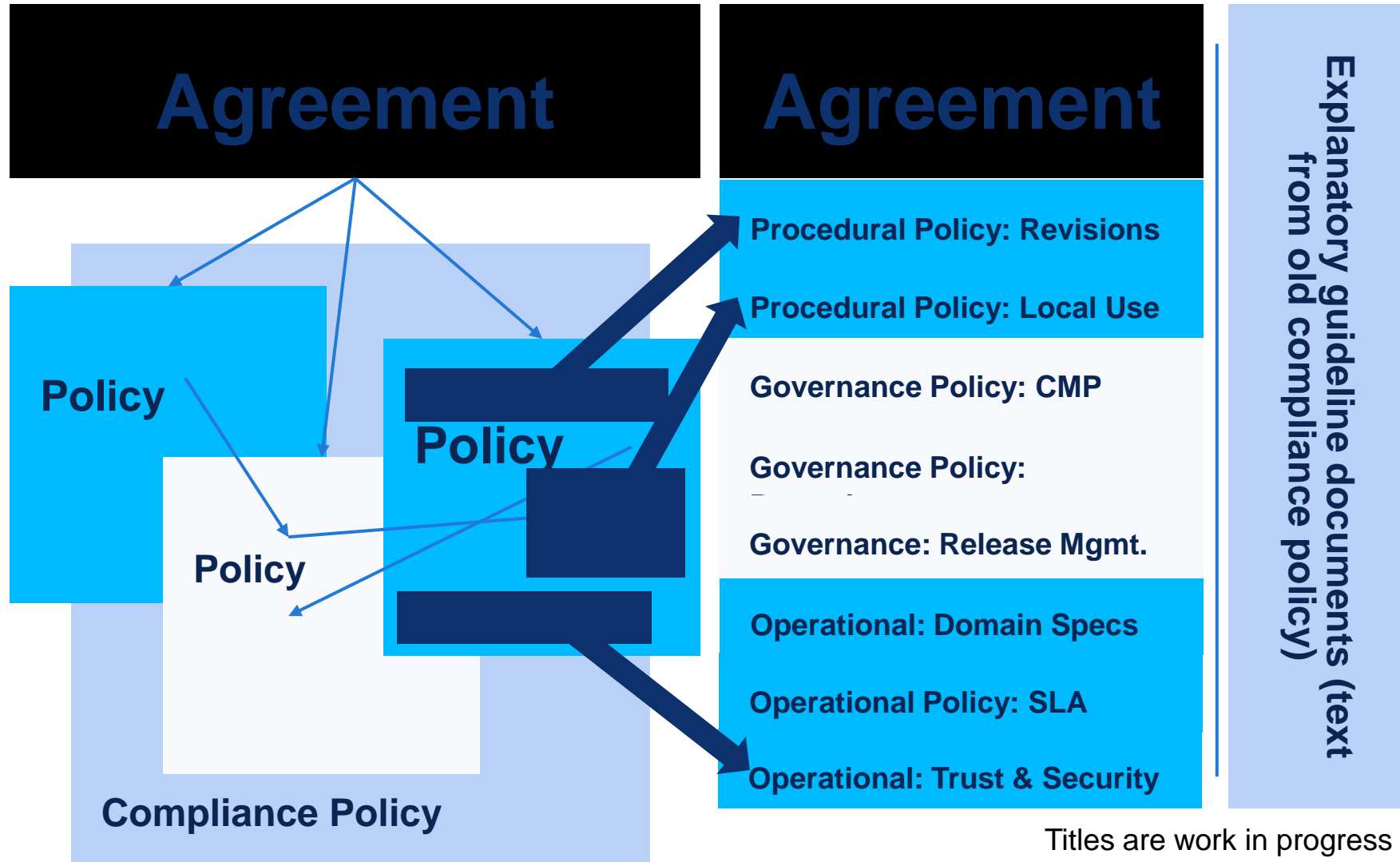
# The Fundamental Question



**Is OpenPeppol A Global Industry  
Leader In Ten Years?**

Or are we (still) an activist association?

# Rewriting Process



# Structure of the Proposed Drafts

## Agreement

Revisions Policy

Local/Extended Use

Change Management Process

Reporting and Customer ID

Release Management

Domain Specifications

Service Level Requirements

Trust and Security

## Properties of the New Drafts

- Clear hierarchy of policies – clarity on which content prevails in the event of conflict or ambiguity.
- Policies clearly cascade scope, ensuring that content that must be stable is strongly protected, and content that must be agile is flexibly protected.
- Provides legal certainty to the Parties OpenPeppol contracts with.
- Provides explicit mechanisms for APs and SPs to advise and consent to commercial decisions of OpenPeppol, while retaining operational freedom on non-policy decisions.



# Current Unresolved Major Issues

Issue	Discussion
Approval thresholds and quorum requirements	<p>Some considerable discussion has been had about the approval threshold required to change the contracts using the collective action clauses.</p> <p>The current threshold is 2/3rds of votes cast, representing at least 20 % of eligible votes, in both the relevant Communities.</p>
Reporting Requirements and User Identification	<p>Some PAs would like to be able to impose regular re-validation of End User identities. Current draft requires PAs who want this to provide automated ways to meet the requirements, but this is controversial.</p> <p>(Note that this may be legally mandatory in some jurisdictions, unrelated to Peppol. This is only about the case where it is purely a Peppol requirement.)</p>
PA Specific Requirements	<p>What should PAs categorically not be allowed to do in their PA Specific Requirements?</p> <p>What Specific Requirements should the PA be allowed to impose by simple notice?</p>
Release Management	<p>What review periods and release schedules do we need for release of operational documents?</p>

# Review Comments Addressed

Issue	Discussion
Contracting Requirements	<p>Original drafts imposed requirements on Service Providers' contracts with End Users.</p> <p>Review pointed out that this is an onerous and impractical requirement, so new drafts have changed this to only requiring that SPs <b>ensure</b> that End Users meet certain requirements (leaving the mechanics to the SP).</p>
Reporting Requirements	<p>Considerable concern was expressed about reporting requirements being unclear or onerous.</p> <p>Reporting requirements have been clarified and simplified, and greater balance has been established between requirements PAs can impose and the tools PAs must make available to SPs to meet them.</p>
PA Specific Requirements	<p>Concern has been expressed about the variety and idiosyncrasy of PA Specific Requirements. The new drafts attempt to address this by standardizing PA Requirements, and establish clear rules and restrictions against non-standard requirements.</p> <p>This work is currently ongoing in a separate workgroup, but is intended to be integrated into the Framework.</p>

# Timeline





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## Revised Peppol Agreement Framework and supporting policy documents

- Review of PA Specific Requirements - Status update for SPC
- October 27, 2020
- Jostein Frømyr, Peppol Agreement Coordinator

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# PA Specific Requirements

## Status

- Have received the documentation of PA Specific Requirements from all PA's, except UK
  - NO is still in drafting
- Compliance review completed and reports made available to MC
- PA Specific requirements have been made openly available for information and review
  - <https://openpeppol.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/AF/pages/1492025345/PA+Specific+Requirements+++public+view>
  - Including a comparison of requirements across the different PA's (the “horizontal” view)

# Feedback from Service Providers

SPC Meeting 29 September

- Many Service Providers feel there are too many variations across PA's and that Peppol is becoming less and less harmonized
  - It is the diversity of requirements that represents a challenge – not necessarily the individual requirement
  - Prevents a global reach
- Request for PAs to consider universal adoption of each other's requirements

		AU	BE	DE	DK	IE	IT	NL	NZ	NO	PL	SE	SG	UK
End User identification	End User identification scheme	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	
	KYC requirements	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
	Accreditation	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	
	Sender and receivers in Peppol Directory NZBN & OPN Updates								Yes					
Security	Security requirements	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	
	Accreditation	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Information sharing	Participation in fora	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	
	Accreditation	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	
	Reporting	Yes							Yes					
Peppol Addressing and Capability Look-up services	Use of centralised SMP	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
	SMP specific requirements	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
	Register End Users in Peppol Directory	Yes							Yes					
	Specific interoperability standards available Accreditation	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	
Post-award	Specific interoperability standards available	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	Yes	
	Use of specific Interoperability standards	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	Yes	
	Validation of identifiers	Yes							Yes					
	End-to-end testing Accreditation	Yes							Yes					
Pre-award	Specific interoperability standards available	No	No	na	No	No	No	No	No		na	No	No	
	Use of specific Interoperability standards	No	No	na	No	No	No	No	No		na	No	No	
	Accreditation	No	No	na	No	No	No	No	No		na	No	No	

# The PAC has accepted the challenge!

- At the PAC meeting on October 15 it was agreed to initiate work within the PAC with a view to
  - review and compare current PA Specific Requirements
  - harmonise requirements wherever possible, preferably aiming to propose changes to the Peppol Interoperability Framework rather than defining PA Specific Requirements
- MC approval of PA Specific Requirements will be delayed accordingly





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