Motivation letter.

Being active in the Tax and Accounting, ERP and Service Provider domain for more than 30 years at different levels within different organizations, I am convinced to be able to bring added value as Service Provider Representative in the Management Committee.

Upcoming challenges for OpenPeppol in the coming years are

* Strengthening the operations of the organization
* Implementing the new framework agreement
* Compliance to the network specifications
* Global expansion whilst maintaining interoperability

My past and current responsibilities in software development and roll-out as well as the experience of being an access point are the keystones of my experience in the domain.

Related to negotiation capabilities, I can refer to my leading role in international projects with people from different organizations and countries.

I am currently working for Codabox that is one of the leading Peppol Service Providers in Belgium.

Below you find my C.V.

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| Sex Male | Date of birth 13/12/1957 | Nationality Belgian  |

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| JOB APPLIED FORPOSITIONPREFERRED JOBSTUDIES APPLIED FORpersonal statement | **Candidate Service Provider Representative in the Management Committee** |

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| WORK EXPERIENCE |   |

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| 03/2019 – Today | Peppol POAC leaderCurrent leader of the Peppol POAC community |
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| 02/2018 – Today | Convenor WG1 CEN/TC434 Core invoice modelLeader of the core invoice workgroup (EN16931) |
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| 04/2016 – Today | e-Ambassador |
| CodaBox [www.codabox.com](http://www.codabox.com) |
| * Responsible for enhancing the digital offerings to our customers
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| Tax and accounting sector with SME’s and accountants as main customer segment |
| 10/2014 – 03/2016 | Strategy Director |
| Sage Belgium [www.sage.be](http://www.sage.be) |
| * Responsible for strategy and roll out of product offering to our customers
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| Tax and accounting sector with SME’s and accountants as main customer segment |
| 01/2000 – 09/2014 | Software development manager |
| Wolters Kluwer Belgium [www.wolterskluwer.be](http://www.sage.be) |
| * Responsible for the software development for our customers
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| Tax and accounting sector with SME’s and accountants as main customer segment |
| 01/1982 – 12/1999 | Software development architect |
| Expert/M |
| * Responsible for the software architecture
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| Tax and accounting sector with SME’s and accountants as main customer segment |

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| EDUCATION AND TRAINING |   |

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|  | Software architectManagement courses at Neyenrode UniversityScrum development methodologyCMMI methodology |  |

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| PERSONAL SKILLS |   |

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| Mother tongue | Dutch |
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| Other language(s) | UNDERSTANDING  | SPEAKING  | WRITING  |
| Listening  | Reading  | Spoken interaction  | Spoken production  |  |
| English | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 |
| French | B1 | B1 | B1 | B1 | B1 |
| German | B1 | B1 | A2 | A2 | A1 |
|  | Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr) |

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| Communication skills | * Good communication skills gained through my experience in international projects and collaborating with people with different nationalities
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| Organisational / managerial skills | * Leadership in a national and international context for teams between 2 and 50 persons
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| Job-related skills | * Good negotiating skills due to active as chairman in professional organisations.
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| Driving licence | B |

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| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION |   |

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| PublicationsPresentationsProjectsConferencesSeminarsHonours and awardsMembershipsReferencesCitationsCoursesCertifications | Active in national stakeholders’ foraPresenter on different occasions related to e-Invoicing and softwareChairman of UBL.BE  |