
OpenPeppol AISBL

Motivation letter – position as Secretary General (SG)

On behalf of The Norwegian Agency for Public and Financial Management (DFØ) I hereby raise my candidacy for the Secretary General position in OpenPeppol AISBL in the GA13 2021 elections.

I have had the opportunity to take part in and lead national and European efforts to digitalize public procurement processes since 1999. I attended my first European Commission organized meetings on electronic public procurement in 2001, and in 2005 I got involved in the process for establishing the funding initiative that later made the PEPPOL project possible. I played a central role in establishing the PEPPOL project on behalf of the Norwegian government and led the project from its start in 2008 until its successful completion in 2012. To ensure the long-term sustainability and continued governance of the results from the PEPPOL project, I played a key role in establishing OpenPeppol AISBL in 2012. I have held the position as Secretary General in OpenPeppol since the association was established, representing the Norwegian Agency for Public Management and eGovernment (Difi) until 2020, and from September 2020 The Norwegian Agency for Public and Financial Management (DFØ) after an organisational change.

Norwegian public and private sector, through the efforts of Difi and later DFØ, are major users of the Peppol Network and Peppol BIS through the national implementation EHF, as well as through extended use of the Peppol Network in the Payment instructions and eGovernment domains at national level. As such, DFØ is committed to ensure the continued success and growth of OpenPeppol AISBL and increased usage of Peppol specifications and services at national, European, and global level. With the support of DFØ, I am willing to continue to allocate a significant amount of time and effort in fulfilling the role as Secretary General. DFØ is also able and willing to cover the cost for my travels to OpenPeppol face-to-face meetings.

If re-elected, my focus for the next two years will be to finalise and implement the new agreement framework, further develop Peppol governance and continue to support global growth of OpenPeppol membership and Peppol usage. I will continue the efforts for developing Continuous Transactions Controls (CTC) as an upcoming service domain in Peppol. I will correspondingly oversee and support the continued development of the Peppol Network and Peppol BIS to meet the requirements of OpenPeppol members and Peppol users. I will also support and contribute to deliberations on potential future changes of OpenPeppol governance and organisational structure to handle continued growth. I will seek to do this in close collaboration with the Managing Committee and the OpenPeppol Stakeholder Communities and through encouraging OpenPeppol member's engagement.



On behalf of OpenPeppol, I am currently part of the US Business Payments Coalition (BPC) Standards Oversight Assessment (SOA) Work Group. BPC is preparing a US e-invoicing market pilot in 2022 either inspired by Peppol or through use of Peppol. Together with the introduction of CTC and the potential role of Peppol BIS as Japanese standard for e-invoicing, this market pilot represents one of the biggest market opportunities for OpenPeppol and Peppol use in the next two-year period.

I look forward to continuing the work I have started in OpenPeppol, and to lead the association in many years to come if re-elected in 2021. I find the position as OpenPeppol Secretary General to be complementary to my position as head of the Digital Transformation Department in the Public Procurement Division in DFØ. Combining leadership of an international organisation with having responsibilities in the same domain at national level is highly motivating, as it gives perspective and the possibility to both learn from others and share my own experiences.

If re-elected, I will carry out the activities as Secretary General as stated in the Statutes Article 26 to the best of my abilities and in close cooperation with the other elected OpenPeppol bodies and representatives as well as staff of the OpenPeppol Operating Office.

I am available for providing further information on my candidacy and DFØ's support for it if needed.

Best regards

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Short CV – André Hoddevik

Work experience		
2020 –	Head of Digital Transformation Department	The Norwegian Agency for Public and Financial Management (DFØ)
2013 – 2020	Head of eProcurement Unit	Agency for Public Management and eGovernment (Difi)
2012 –	OpenPeppol Secretary General	Agency for Public Management and eGovernment (Difi)
2008 – 2012	PEPPOL Project Director	Agency for Public Management and eGovernment (Difi)
2008	Acting Head of Department	Agency for Public Management and eGovernment (Difi)
2005 – 2007	Head of the Norwegian public sector e-Procurement Secretariat	Government Administration Services
1999 – 2004	Head of the Norwegian public sector e-Procurement Programme	Government Administration Services
1997 – 1999	Product manager/Project manager	Achilles Systems AS
Education		
2003 – 2004	Management programme, Change management, thesis on implementation of e-procurement in a municipality.	Norwegian Business School
1988 – 1998	Cand.polit, ICT studies, political science, public law, thesis on use of decision support systems implementing public procurement legislation (Honours).	University of Oslo, Faculty of law, Norwegian Research Centre for Computers and Law, Section for Information Technology and Administrative Systems.