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<u>Candidacy as Peppol Authority Representative in the Managing</u> <u>Committee (MC-PA1) – Letter of Motivation</u>

In April 2018, the German National IT Planning Council decided to make the Peppol eDelivery Network mandatory in elnvoicing for public authorities in Germany and mandated the Coordination Office for IT Standards (KoSIT) as the National Peppol Authority. In 2022, it is going to enlarge the use of Peppol to the whole process of Public Procurement.

Since 2014, I have been working for KoSIT; since 2019, I am Head of Division. In this position and as project leader of the e-invoicing project of the National IT Planning Council, I was deeply involved in the decision-making process of making Peppol a crucial infrastructure in Germany's e-government. We are deeply convinced that the four-corner-model will help to handle the data exchange within complex structures of businesses and government authorities, on federal and local level and across Europe and the world.

Working for KoSIT for almost 8 years now, I gained wide experience in IT interoperability and IT security standards for public authorities in Germany and within the Peppol network. Being responsible for national 4-corner-model based standards for public authorities in Germany, KoSIT is supporting the National IT Planning Council and public authorities for more than 15 years in IT interoperability and IT security standards. As Peppol Authority, KoSIT is in charge of making Peppol a part of the German eGovernment infrastructure. We are dealing with all challenges, concerns and question of policy makers, service providers, end users and other parties.

Belonging to a Peppol Authority myself and representing Peppol Authorities in the Peppol Managing Committee is a great pleasure for me as I am trying to represent the Authorities view on topics of the network. As a workstream leader in the Agreement Revision Task Force, I could get to know challenges and tasks of a growing global network like Peppol and would be very happy to be able to continue this work in the Managing Committee. Improving the connection and alignment between the Peppol Authorities and the Managing Committee is one of the goals I like to contribute to. We introduced a recurring TOP on the agenda of the PAC Round Table to inform about and discuss topics of the Managing Committee. Thus, as a MC member I can bring in these aspects in the MC considerations and represent the needs and requirements of all Authorities. To foster communication and learning from each other, I initiated a group of Peppol Authorities to align the requirements on eOrdering in 2021. As a Peppol Authority Representative in the Managing Committee, I would like to improve cooperation and collaboration between the Peppol Authorities and other stakeholders in the Peppol network, especially by representing the Peppol Authorities views and needs in the Managing Committee and the Managing Committees strategy in the PAC.

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