



# The OpenPEPPOL Agreement Framework and its adoption in eTendering

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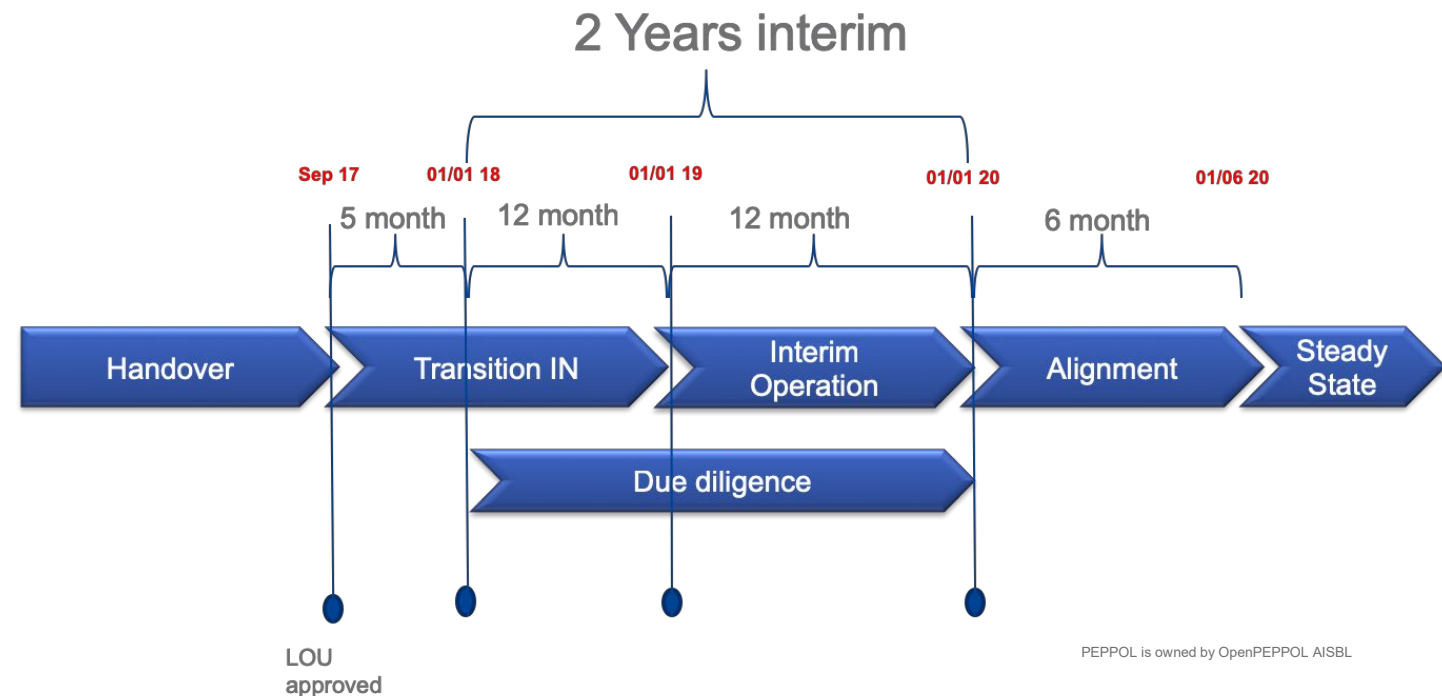


Presentation  
outline

1. eTendering Transition-in and the eTendering Interim Agreement
2. The PEPPOL Agreement Revision project
3. Preparing for the future

# PEPPOL e-Tendering Transition-in

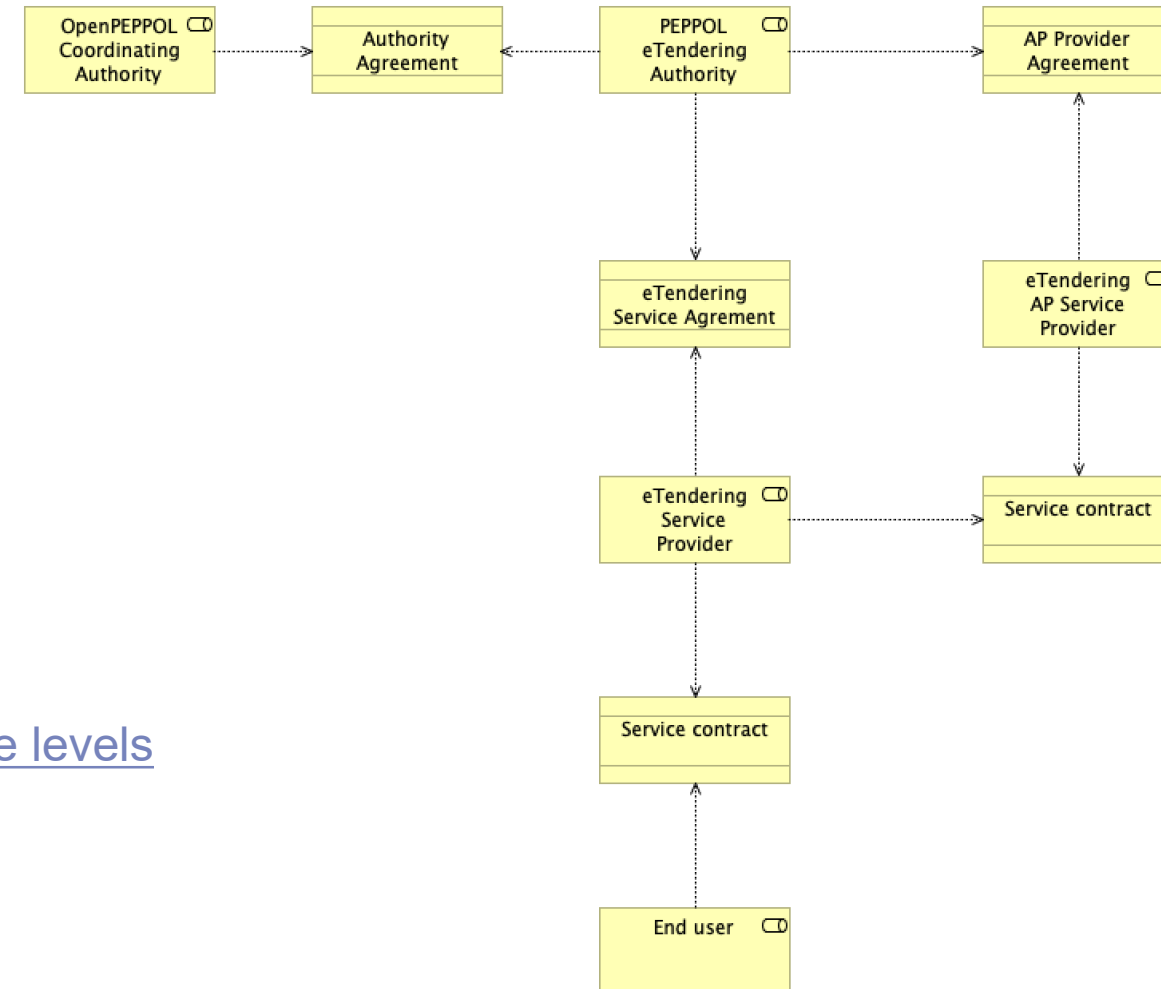
- ▶▶ Aim is to allow eTendering service providers to operate within the PEPPOL infrastructure while preparing a fully integrated and common set-up across all PEPPOL application domains
- ▶▶ Accommodated through the eTendering Interim Agreement
  - ▶▶ Approved at MC meeting in June/July 2018
  - ▶▶ Separate PEPPOL eTendering Authority - allocated to the PEPPOL Operating Office



# eTendering Interim Agreement

## ▶▶ Recognizing the specific eTendering requirements

- ▶▶ Role of the eTendering Service Providers
- ▶▶ eDelivery protocols and service levels



PEPPOL eTendering Interim Agreement documents:

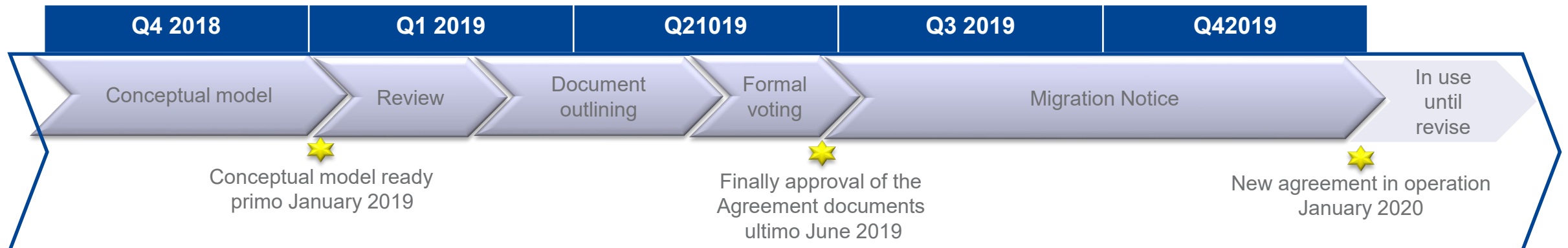
- ▶▶ [PEPPOL eTendering AP Providers](#)
- ▶▶ [PEPPOL eTendering System Providers](#)
- ▶▶ [Annex 1 – Contact Points](#)
- ▶▶ [Annex 2 – Definitions](#)
- ▶▶ [Annex 3 – Services and Service Levels](#)
- ▶▶ [Annex 4 – Technical standards](#)
- ▶▶ [Annex 5 – Domain and its specific services and service levels](#)
- ▶▶ [Annex 6 – Change procedure](#)



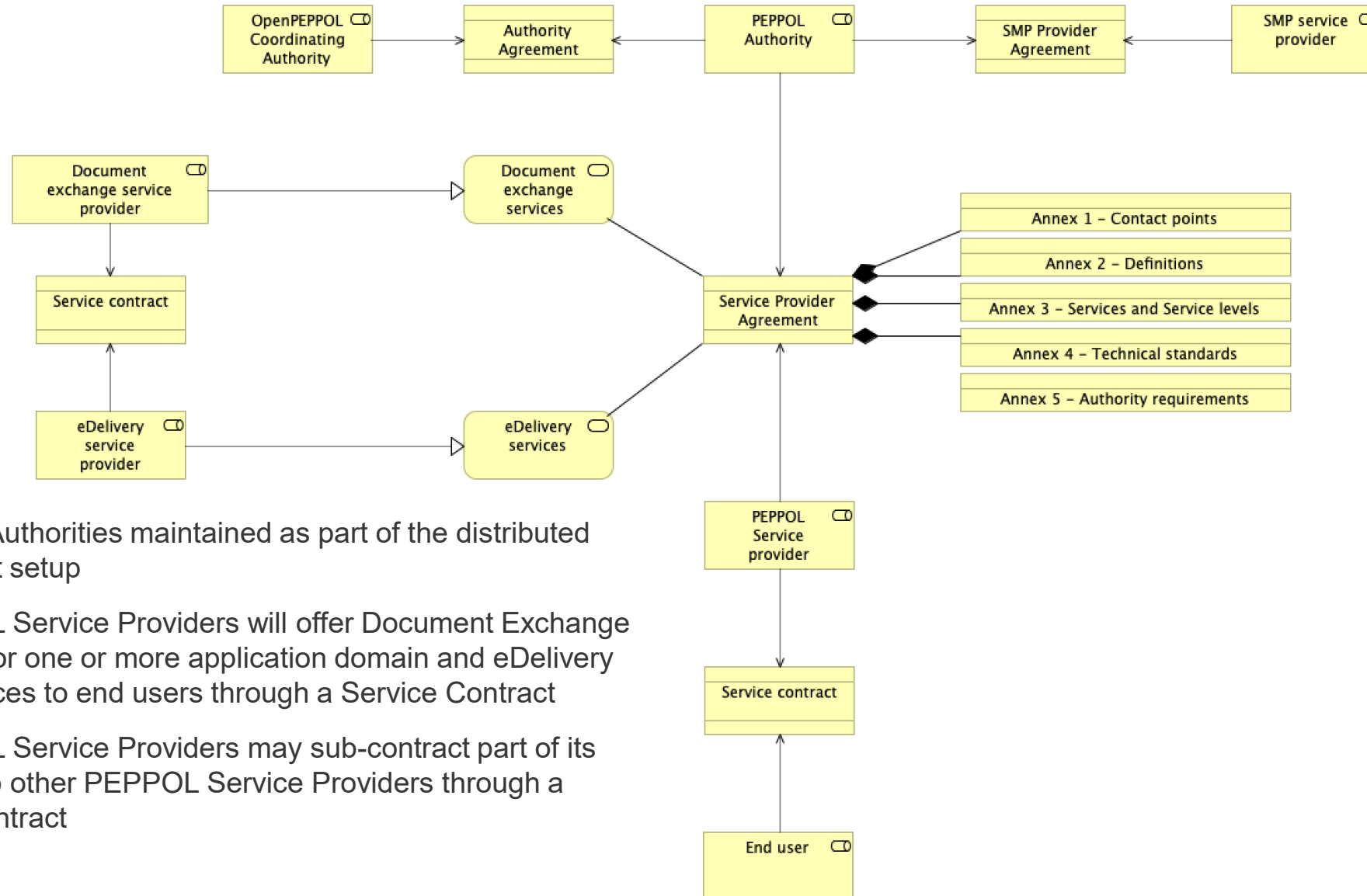
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Agreement  
revision project

# The PEPPOL Agreement Revision project

- ▶▶ Aim is to prepare a fully integrated and common agreement for use by all actors in PEPPOL applicable to all application domains
- ▶▶ Some of the key requirements
  - ▶▶ Recognize service providers other than AP/SMP providers
    - ▶ Requires adjustments to the signing structure
  - ▶▶ Different application domains have different services and service level requirements
  - ▶▶ Maintain the distributed set-up with PEPPOL Authorities



# Possible new signing structure



- ▶▶ PEPPOL Authorities maintained as part of the distributed agreement setup
- ▶▶ A PEPPOL Service Providers will offer Document Exchange Services for one or more application domain and eDelivery (AP) services to end users through a Service Contract
- ▶▶ A PEPPOL Service Providers may sub-contract part of its services to other PEPPOL Service Providers through a service contract



Preparing for the  
future



# Window of opportunity

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- ▶▶ As of today no one has signed the eTendering Interim Agreement
- ▶▶ Opens a window of opportunity for preparing for the future

# Possible way forward

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- ▶▶ Adopt the eTendering Interim Agreement to latest developments
  - ▶▶ Annex 4 reflects history and thus need to be updated
    - ▶ The PEPPOL AS4 profile
    - ▶ The PEPPOL as-is BIS specifications
  - ▶▶ Adopt the signing structure
    - ▶ Make the eTendering Service Provider take responsibility for the full service stack, including eDelivery through one agreement
    - ▶ Allow the eTendering Service Provider to sub-contract the eDelivery operation to an established AP provider
  
- ▶▶ Engage in the Agreement revision project
  - ▶▶ Nominate a representative to participate in the process on behalf of the PEPPOL eTendering Authority

# Suggested way forward

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- ▶▶ Quick process to adjust current eTendering Interim Agreement
  - ▶▶ Agreement Coordinator to prepare revised text together with the eTendering Transition-in project lead and the PrACC leader
    - ▶ Signing structure
    - ▶ Annex 4
- ▶▶ Decision by MC at its December meeting
- ▶▶ Revised text operational as from 1. January 2018



**Thank you for your attention**