

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

In April 2018, the German National IT Planning Council decided to use of the Peppol eDelivery Network for e-invoices mandatory to public authorities in Germany. In addition, it mandated the Coordination Office for IT Standards (KoSIT) as the National Peppol Authority.

Working for KoSIT and as the project leader of the e-invoicing project of the National IT Planning Council, I was deeply involved in this decision-making process. Making Peppol a crucial infrastructure in Germany's e-government, especially for business to government online services and data exchange - not only within Germany but also cross-border - is one of the great challenges for the next years. We are deeply convinced that the four-corner-model will help to deal with the complex structure of businesses and government authorities on state, federal and local level and across Europe and the world.

With years of experience of working for KoSIT and thus being responsible for IT interoperability and IT security standards for public authorities in Germany, we build up the Peppol National Authority since 2018. Since then – also due to legislation – we are making Peppol a part of the German eGovernment infrastructure and are dealing with all concerns and question of service providers, end users and other parties. Being responsible for Online Services Computer Interface (OSCI) as a 4-corner-model standard for secure and trustworthy data exchange between public authorities in Germany (besides many other specifications for business documents), we are operating for more than 15 years in the area of IT interoperability and IT security standards. Therefore, I would be very happy to provide our experience to the Peppol Network as a Managing Committee member.

Being the representative for Peppol Authorities in the Managing Committee would be a great pleasure for me. Since December 2019, I already serve as an interim member and – although it is only a few months - I got a good impression on topics and questions concerning Peppol Authorities and OpenPeppol itself. I would be very happy to be able to continue this work. To strengthen the role of Peppol Authorities in the Managing Committee by bringing in their point of view in closed collaboration with the Peppol Authority Community is my main purpose. Enabling Peppol Authorities to take on the responsibility of a National Authority in the Peppol network and to be able to meet the obligations of national requirements is a challenge that I like to meet.

In October 2019, the German National IT Planning Council decided to enlarge the use of Peppol and evaluate the use of Peppol Business Interoperability Specifications in Germany. Therefore, I can bring in the experience not only with introducing Peppol eInvoicing and eDelivery, but also with the whole process of public procurement.