



Welcome to the webinar

# E-invoicing in Germany

Are you prepared for  
mandatory e-invoicing in  
Germany 2025 onwards?

# OpusCapita webinar April 2024

## Agenda topics

Are you prepared for mandatory e-invoicing in Germany 2025 onwards?

- What are the requirements?
- What are the timelines?
- Who is impacted and how?
- OpusCapita solutions in Germany
- FAQ
- Next steps

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# Germany e-invoicing mandate

- Germany will gradually transform towards a more regulated e-invoicing model
- B2G e-invoicing has been mandatory since 2020
- B2B e-invoicing mandate will be to fully effective from the 1st of January 2028 onwards
- Rollout will be gradual starting 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025
- Mandate is following the EN 16931 standard from the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and ViDA initiative
- Germany e-invoicing model will remain “post-audit”, there will be no government platform to control the e-invoice flows nor tax processes for now

# Mandate timelines



# Key impact on businesses

- Formats will change to EN 16931 standard
  - XRechnung is the official format
  - Peppol BIS and ZUGFeRD are also supported
- Companies must establish capability to receive EN standard e-invoices 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025 onwards
- Issuing paper invoices will not be allowed after transition period (milestones on 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027 and 2028)
- During transition period business partners can agree now to exchange invoices based on bilateral agreements as long as general timelines are followed
- Suppliers do not need buyer consent anymore to send e-invoices if invoices are meeting EN 16931 standard



# Additional impacts and details

- Long transition period requires flexibility from systems and AP process - capability to handle different formats is needed.
- EDI / point-to-point connections are allowed going forward but need to move to EN compliant formats.
- Invoices via email as PDF format will continue since ZUGFeRD is EN compliant.
- Cross border invoicing will not be impacted - various electronic formats, regular PDF via email and paper still continues and need to be supported.
- B2G e-invoicing will remain as is.
- Tax reporting will not change at this point but ViDA initiative will take a stand on that ~2030.



# Poll1

Do you already have capability to receive EN compliant invoices in Germany?

Yes



No



# OpusCapita solutions in Germany



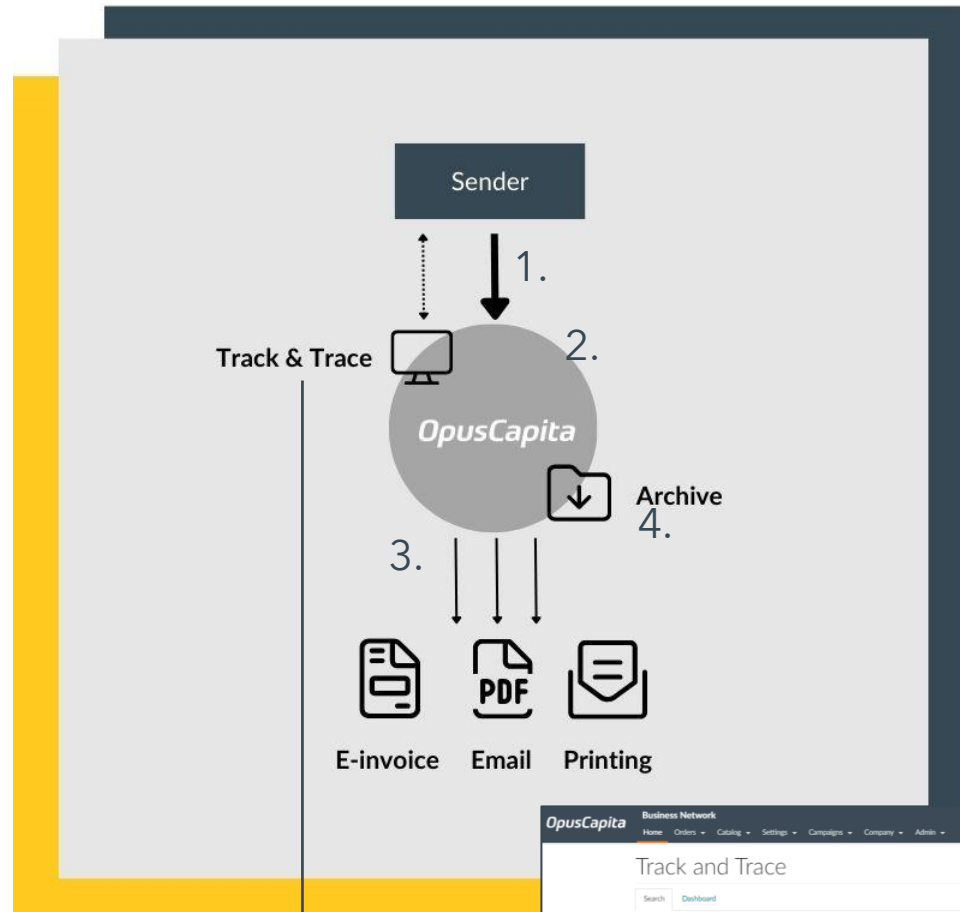
OpusCapita offers **fully compliant e-invoice sending and receiving** solutions in Germany according to existing (B2G) and upcoming (B2B) mandates.

- B2G - OpusCapita connects via Peppol to ZRE and OZG-RE platforms to deliver e-invoices on behalf of customers.
- B2B - We offer full e-invoice and EDI capabilities also according to EN 16931.

In addition to e-invoicing, OpusCapita supports **digital supply chain messages**, and offers **Invoice Automation** and **Procurement** solutions accords different industries with 40 years of experience.



# Solution for invoice sending



Message exchange phases:

- 1) Receive invoice data (any format)
- 2) Convert to OC format and further into required EN 16931 compliant format
- 3) Deliver invoices to recipient
  - As e-invoices (interoperability network / Peppol) or EDI (point-to-point)
  - Email (ZUGFeRD) or other formats for cross border
  - Printing (until deadline in DE ) and cross border
- 4) Archive (add-on service)

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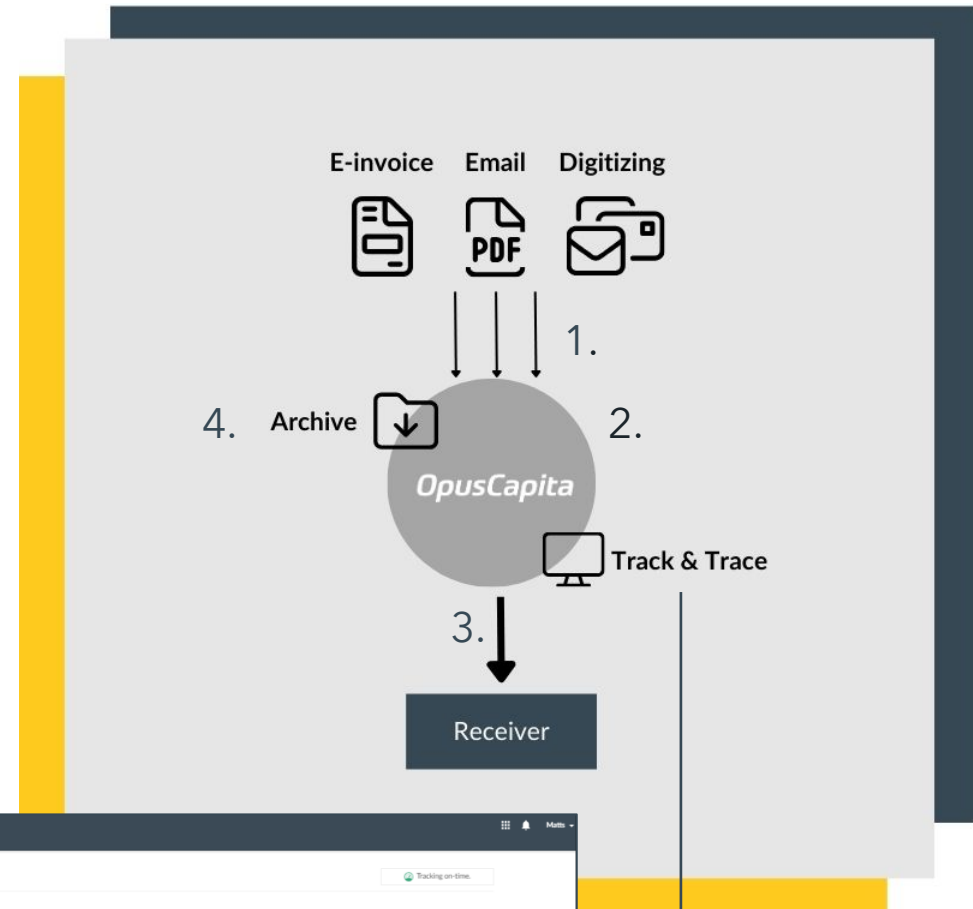
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Data is stored in Track and Trace (invoice and related details/documents) 90 days.

# Solution for invoice receiving

Message exchange phases:

- 1) Receive invoices from senders
  - As e-invoices (interoperability network / Peppol) or EDI (point-to-point)
  - Email (until deadline except ZUGFeRD)
  - Digitizing (until deadline) and cross border
- 2) Convert to OC format and further into customer format
- 3) Deliver to receiver
- 4) Archive (add-on service)



Data is stored in Track and Trace for 90 days.

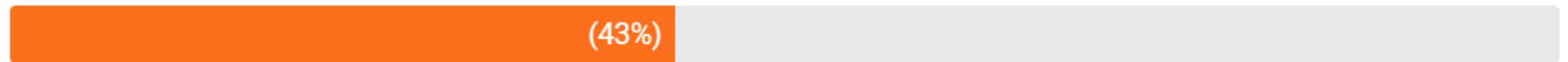
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## Poll 2

Do you already have capability to send EN compliant invoices in Germany?

Yes



No



# Commonly asked questions (1)

## **What happens January 2025?**

All companies need to have capability to receive EN compliant e-invoices.

## **What happens January 2027?**

Companies with revenue exceeding 800k EUR must send only EN compliant e-invoices.

## **What happens January 2028?**

All companies must send only EN compliant e-invoices.

## **What does EN 16931 compliance mean?**

Invoices must follow a set of standardized formats, data syntaxes, and semantics. These standards ensure that e-invoices are structured consistently, making them easier to process, exchange, and reconcile across different systems and organizations.

## **Where can I get details on EN 16931?**

[EN 16931 compliance \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

## **Do I need to change something in my ERP?**

Most likely yes. Both for receiving and sending invoices. Your ERP must support the e.g. mandatory data content of invoices.

## **What role do third-party service providers play in facilitating e-invoicing adoption?**

Service provider typically can offer you multi-channel sending/receiving capability to reach all suppliers/customers. Also service provider can/will do format conversions, integrations to back-end systems, business partner onboarding etc.

## **Do I need to change tax reporting due mandate?**

No, not at this point.



# Commonly asked questions (2)

## **Can I start/continue using Peppol?**

Yes. Peppol formats are EN compliant already.

## **If e-invoices are in XML format can there also be visual version e.g. PDF of the invoice?**

Yes. Invoices can be visualized either by sender or receiver. Visualization (and other attachments to XML) can also contain additional information required by business processes.

## **Do I need to agree with my customers when I want to change to e-invoicing format or way how to deliver the invoices?**

In practice we recommend at least to inform your customer, in order to ensure successful delivery of invoices.

## **How can I get as many invoices as e-invoices as soon as possible?**

It is good to inform and instruct your suppliers to send e-invoices.

## **How does the transition to e-invoicing affect small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)?**

All companies must move to e-invoicing. Smaller companies most likely have to update their ERP to have the capability to create EN compliant data and/or purchase this as service.

## **What are the potential cost savings associated with e-invoicing implementation?**

Compared to printing and digitizing savings are big, even bigger when including process automation related benefits. Many companies report 60-80% cost savings after moving to e-invoices.

## **How does the e-invoicing mandate affect international businesses trading with Germany?**

Since all companies will have possibility to exchange invoices electronically the benefits for cross border business are also considerable. Since e-invoice requirements differ to some extent country-by-country, any multi-country company need to adopt to those.

# Benefits with OpusCapita

Why OpusCapita in Germany?

- ✓ One single connection for sending/receiving invoices in all countries
- ✓ Inhouse formats supported
- ✓ No real changes to existing processes needed
- ✓ All message traffic can be monitored via Track and Trace real time
- ✓ New modern & future proof messaging platform
- ✓ Local knowledge in Germany - offices in Dortmund
- ✓ Support for local requirements in Nordics, Northern Europe and Peppol

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## Useful links

- [E-invoicing in Germany \(opuscapita.com\)](https://opuscapita.com)
- [Peppol network \(opuscapita.com\)](https://opuscapita.com)
- [Startseite \(e-rechnung-bund.de\)](https://e-rechnung-bund.de)
- [EN 16931 compliance \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

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