Extracts from the press conference by Michel Barnier on e-procurement initiative

On 26 June 2013, Michel Barnier, Member of the EC in charge of Internal Market and Services, presented the European Commission's proposal on e-procurement initiative, at the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium. On the same day, the European Commission proposed a draft directive on e-invoicing in public procurement, accompanied by a communication setting out its vision for the full digitisation of the public procurement process, so-called 'end-to-end e-procurement'. E-invoicing is an important step towards paperless public administration (e-government) in Europe – one of the priorities of the Digital Agenda - and offers the potential for significant economic as well as environmental benefits. The Commission estimates that the adoption of e-invoicing in public procurement across the EU could generate savings of up to €2.3 billion.

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00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior of the Berlaymont building with European flags in Brussels, Belgium (2 shots)	00:00:16
00:00:21	Soundbite by Michel Barnier, Member of the EC in charge of Internal Market and Services, (in FRENCH) saying that, possibly, there are 2.3 billion Euros savings via this e-invoicing, this could mean that the cost of processing an invoice may be from 32.50 Euro on average to 1 Euro per invoice. There is such a fragmentation between the Members of the EU that a single framework is needed.	00:00:35
00:00:56	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:05
00:01:01	Soundbite by Michel Barnier (in FRENCH) saying that they will ask the EU standardisation committee to establish in the next four years - it will be a very long technical and complex work- a EU single standard on the basis of this mandate. They will also propose to set very clearly that the standard will be compulsory in the contest of public procurement when it becomes available.	00:00:26
00:01:27	General view of the speakers	00:00:05