

FAQ

Expert Group on e-Invoicing

Who can participate in the Expert Group? Can public bodies apply?

The 30 members of the Expert Group should represent all key stakeholders concerning e-Invoicing. The members shall be appointed by the Commission from specialists with competence in the area of e-Invoicing on the basis of applications from industry associations, public sector bodies and individuals representing the interests of all or part of public sector, enterprises and ICT, consumers, financial service providers and standardisation organisations in the field of e-Invoicing.

Will the members of the Expert Group work in their personal capacity or will they represent their organisations? Do they need to have a sponsor organisation?

Members of the Expert Group will be appointed on an individual basis, not as representatives of a particular organisation. Individuals can apply to become members of the Expert Group provided they meet the requirements laid down in the call for applications, including that of representing key stakeholders.

Is the participation in the Expert Group limited to EU citizens/residents/organisations?

No.

What is the level of detail of the documentation to attach to the application?

A CV providing evidence of experience in the e-Invoicing domain, which may be accompanied by an overview of relevant projects and activities performed by the candidate and/or by a list of his/her publications. However, there is no need to include all the details of each publication or project.

What is the meaning of 'duly signed application' in the call for applications?

A duly signed application is an e-mail from which we can determine the sender's address, or a signed paper application. E-mails do not have to be signed electronically.

What is meant by 'conflict of interest' – Commission Decision, Article 4(6)?

This has to be assessed on a case by case basis bearing in mind that the call for applications specifically requires members to represent the interests of key stakeholders. However, general principles of EU law (e.g. the Financial Regulation) prohibit that members take any action which may bring their own interests into conflict with those of the EU, e.g. granting oneself or others unjustified direct or indirect advantages.

Can members of the group send delegates if they cannot attend a meeting?

The decision creating the Expert Group does not foresee the possibility of Members being replaced at a given meeting. Any Member who definitively becomes incapable of contributing to the Group's deliberations may be replaced by an applicant from the reserve list. However, with a view to ensuring continuity and quality of work, the Commission will assess, on a case-by-case basis, whether a member may be substituted in exceptional circumstances.