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The eInvoicing Conformance testing Process Overview Description is intended for Service Providers and Public Entities that need detailed instructions for using the Conformance Testing Service. This document is to be used as an extension of the eInvoicing Conformance Testing Service Offering Description (SOD).

1. HOW TO USE THE CONFORMANCE TESTING SERVICE STEP BY STEP

This section describes the way users can use the eInvoicing Conformance Testing Service.

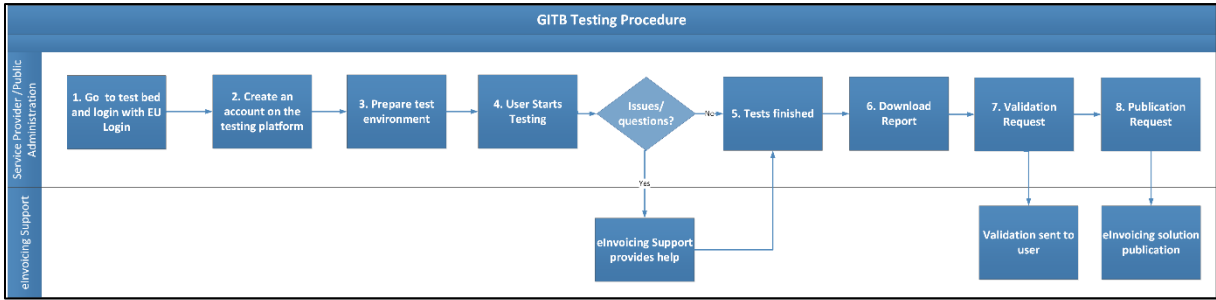
1.1. Public Entities, Solution and Service Providers and Software Owners

Public Entities, Solution and Service Providers and Solution Owners have the following responsibilities in the context of the eInvoicing Conformance Testing Service:

- Test the invoice compliance against the core eInvoicing specifications;
- Provide (on a voluntary basis) details of their solution to the Service Desk, so that they are listed on the [eInvoicing Conformance Solutions page](#).

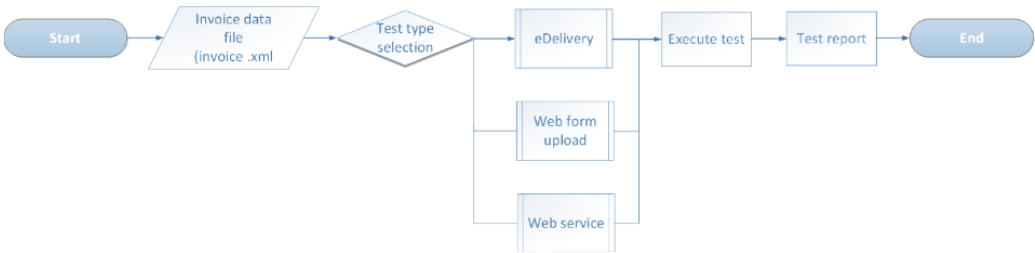
1.2. Process Overview

The figure below presents the main steps of the eInvoicing Conformance Testing Service process. Each process step is detailed in the next sections.



The figure below presents the technical options which any user can choose to apply for conformance testing. The sender scenario option starts with a file of an invoice in .xml format (hereafter called invoice.xml) issued by the user’s system. Depending on the choice the user makes, he will need to perform the below steps (described on the picture).

These steps are described in the following sections.



Only the eDelivery testing sessions are recorded in the TestBed and can be validated or downloaded at a later stage if needed.

1.2.1. Web form upload (only for sender scenario)

If the user chooses to apply for the Conformance Testing Service via web form upload, he can request validation via uploading the invoice.xml file(s) through <https://www.itb.ec.europa.eu/invoice/upload>. This service is provided to all users (anonymous). Once the eInvoice is uploaded, it is validated and a detailed report is presented to the user, which can be downloaded and cross-checked against the submitted content.

1.2.2. Web service (only for sender scenario)

If the user chooses to apply for the Conformance Testing Service via web service, he can request the validation of an invoice via a web service call to a GITB-compliant content validation service. The web service (WSDL) is available at:

<https://www.itb.ec.europa.eu/invoice/api/validation?wsdl>

To facilitate the use of the web service, the user needs to contact the [Service Desk](#) to obtain the relevant configuration files needed for the SOAP request.

1.2.3. eDelivery

The eDelivery (AS4) option implies that at least one user is registered in the TestBed (see section §1.3.1 - Step 1: Registration).

eDelivery AS4 validation (For both sender and receiver scenarios)

- The user can choose to **send** an eInvoice for conformance testing via *eDelivery AS4*. If the message arrives successfully and the validation process is completed, the validation report can be checked or downloaded on the TestBed portal.
- The user can also choose to **receive** an eInvoice for conformance testing via *eDelivery AS4*. The testing platform (or TestBed) then sends an eInvoice to the user's AS4 gateway. In case the user needs validation of the successful tests by Service Desk, he is responsible for uploading the relevant pieces of evidence in the TestBed platform.

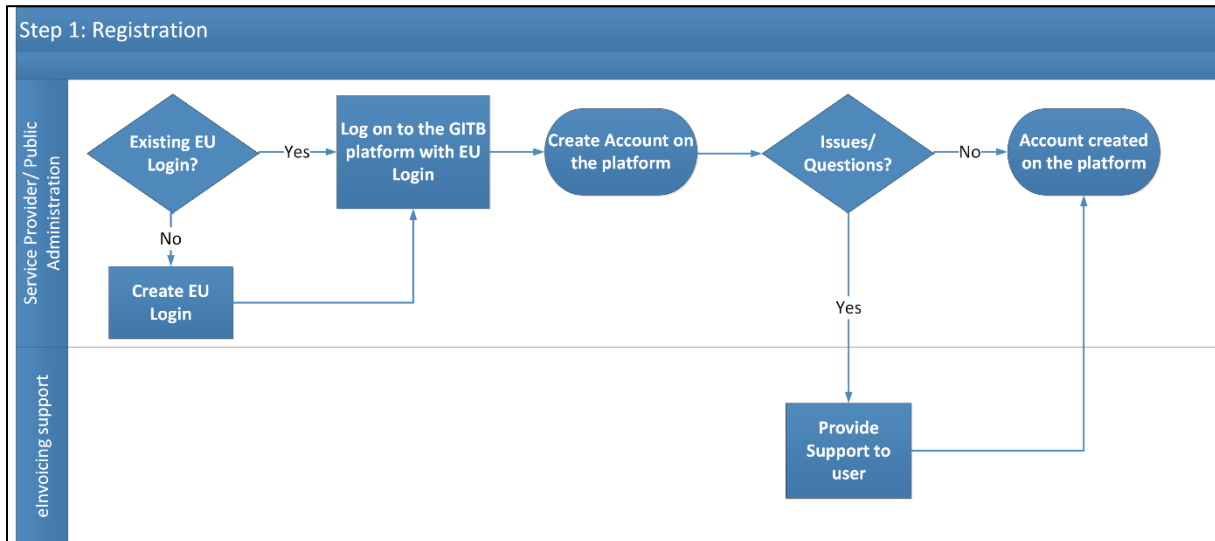
A test scenario can be executed after the user logged into the TestBed at <https://www.itb.ec.europa.eu/cef/itb/#/login>, using assigned credentials.

1.3. Processes steps for eDelivery (AS4) method

1.3.1. Step 1: Registration

Purpose: to register the user accounts and organisations/systems on the test platform. This registration is only required when applying for the Conformance Testing Service via the [AS4 eDelivery](#) protocol.

The overview of the registration process is shown in the diagram below:



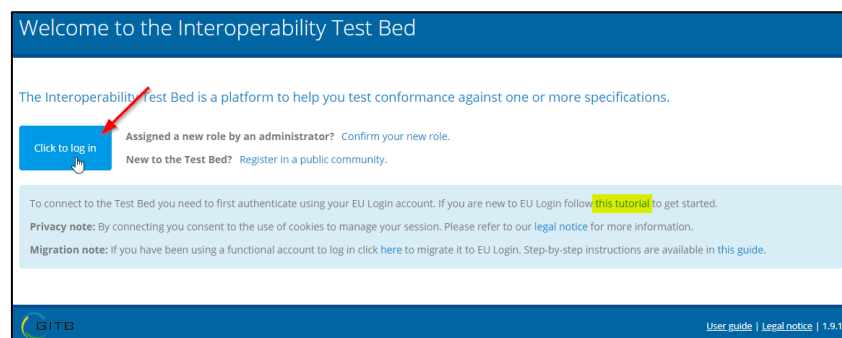
Process:

1. **Open the TestBed Welcome page**
<https://www.itb.ec.europa.eu/cef/itb/#/login>
2. **Login**

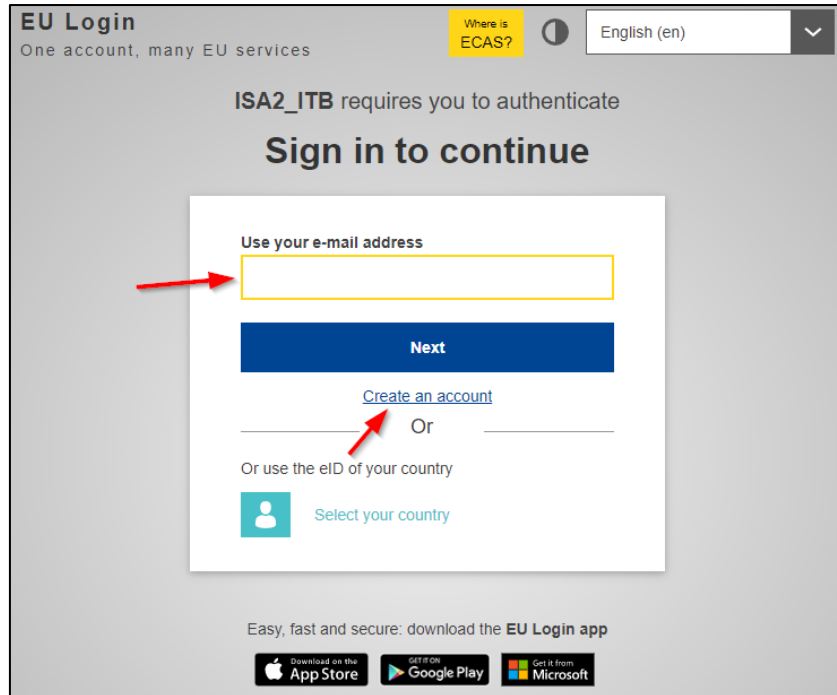
To be able to create an account on the GITB TestBed platform, the user must have an EU Login account. If the user does not have an EU Login account, he can create one on the EU Login [page](#).

If the user needs more help regarding EU login, he can use the link to the [EU Login tutorial](#) on the TestBed Welcome page.

- 2.1. The user clicks on the **Click to log in** button:

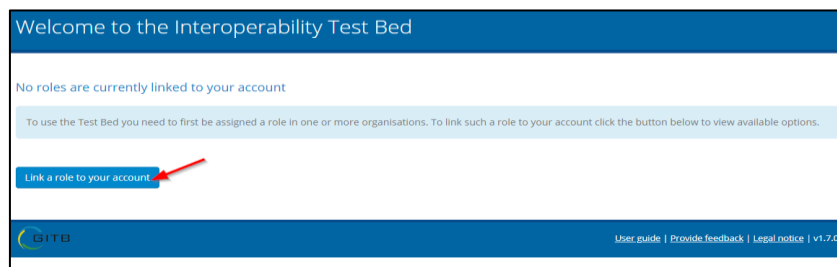


2.2. The user provides his EU Login account credentials or creates his EU Login account:



3. Choose role/Create Organisation

3.1. If the user is already logged in but does not have any assigned role or registered Organisation, he clicks on the “**Link a role to your account**” button:



3.2. The user chooses the option **Register in a public community**.

3.3. The user provides the **Token** for joining the **eInvoicing community** (*token: cefeinvoicing*)

3.4. The user starts registering his organisation by filling the required fields.

- **Short name:** a short name for his organisation to appear in reports;
- **Full name:** the full name of his organisation;

- **Access Point (gateway) implementation:** the AS4 software implementation and version he uses.

*Remark: The parameters signed by “ * ” are mandatory, the test will not start if the user does not fill in the information*

4. The user clicks on **Complete**:

Link a new role to your account

I want to ...

- Confirm a role assigned to me by an administrator
- Register in a public community
- Migrate an existing account to my EU Login account

Select the community you want to register for and provide the requested information. If your community is not listed you need to request from an administrator to register you on your behalf.

Privacy note: By registering you grant your consent to link your name, email and EU Login user ID to your new administrator account.

Community

Name	Description
CEF eArchiving community	Definition of information packages for the transmission, description and preservation of digital data based on the e-ARK Common Specification for Information Packages (CS IP).
eInvoicing community	The exchange of electronic invoices using the Universal Business Language (UBL) 2.1 and Cross Industry Invoice (CII) syntaxes according to European eInvoicing standard.

* Registration token:

You can find information about how to get token, in the Process Overview Description here: [eInvoicing Conformance testing](#).

Organisation details

* Short name:

* Full name:

* Access Point (gateway) implementation:

Cancel Complete

4.1. The user chooses his new linked role by clicking on it.

Welcome to the Interoperability Test Bed

Select a role linked to your account

Administrator of ACME Corporation (CEF eInvoicing community)

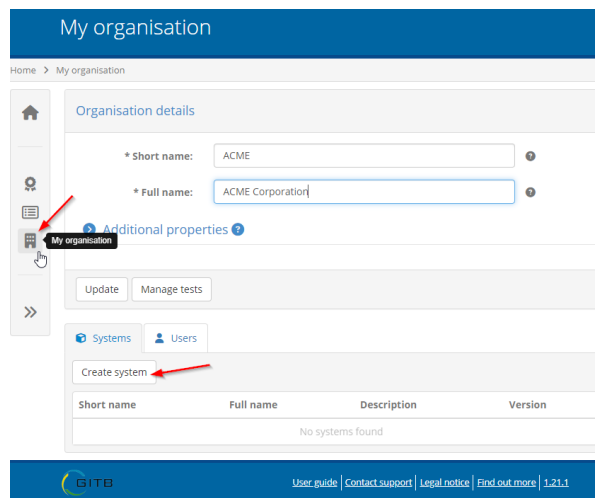
Link another role to your account

This completes the login process, and makes the user enter to the system as an Organisation Administrator.

1.3.2. Step 2: Preparation

Purpose: to prepare the test scenario on the TestBed.

1. The user logs on to the GITB platform on <https://www.itb.ec.europa.eu/cef/itb/#/login> with his EU Login.
For more information about EU Login, check §1.3.1 - Step 1: Registration.
2. The user clicks on the **My organisation** button on the navigation menu:
3. The user clicks on the **Create system** button:

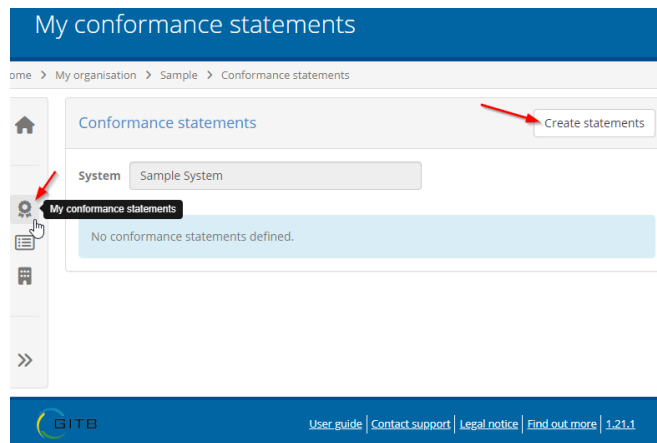


4. The user fills in the details of the new system information and clicks on **Save**:



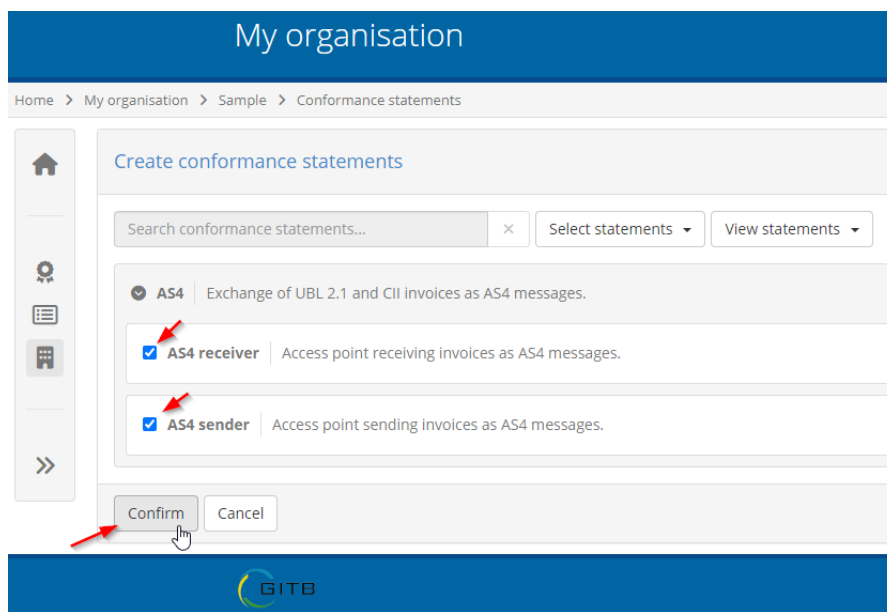
5. The user clicks on the My conformance statements button:

6. The user clicks on the **Create statements** button:




7. The user chooses the **needed** scenario and clicks on **Confirm**:

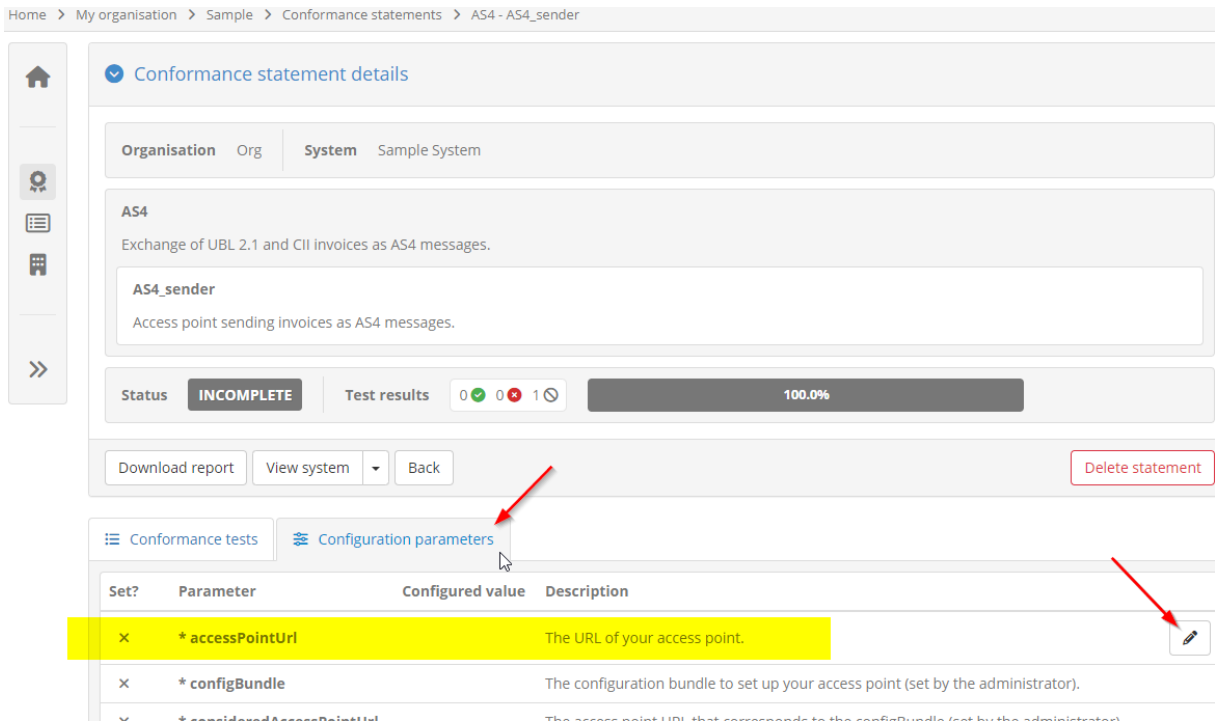
- **SENDER scenario > AS4_sender**
The user's access point sends messages to the TestBed with the eInvoices he wants to test.
- **RECEIVER scenario > AS4_receiver**
The TestBed sends messages to the user's access point with sample eInvoices, so that he can test the reception and processing of compliant eInvoices in his eInvoicing system.



8. The test is now ready to be configured, the user clicks on the needed scenarios one by one and do the following configuration:

9. The user clicks on the **Configuration parameters** tab :

and sets the **accessPointUrl** parameter by clicking on the  (edit) button:

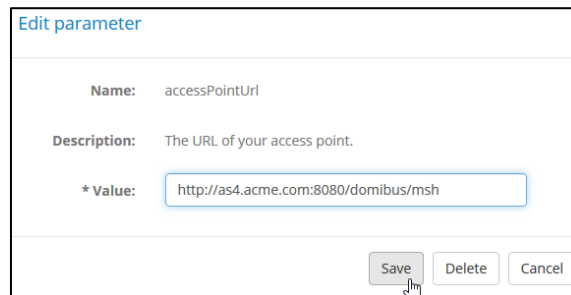


The screenshot shows the 'Configuration parameters' tab in a web application. A table lists parameters with columns for 'Set?', 'Parameter', 'Configured value', and 'Description'. The first row, for '* accessPointUrl', is highlighted in yellow. A red arrow points to the edit icon (a pencil) in the rightmost column of this row. Another red arrow points to the 'Configuration parameters' tab label. Below the table, there are buttons for 'Download report', 'View system', 'Back', and 'Delete statement'.

Set?	Parameter	Configured value	Description
x	* accessPointUrl		The URL of your access point.
x	* configBundle		The configuration bundle to set up your access point (set by the administrator).
✓	* consideredAccessPointUrl		The access point URL that corresponds to the configBundle (set by the administrator).

10. The user inputs his Access Point public URL into **accessPointUrl** and clicks on **Save**:

Remark: This is a mandatory parameter; the test will not start if the user does not fill in the information.



The 'Edit parameter' dialog box shows the following fields:

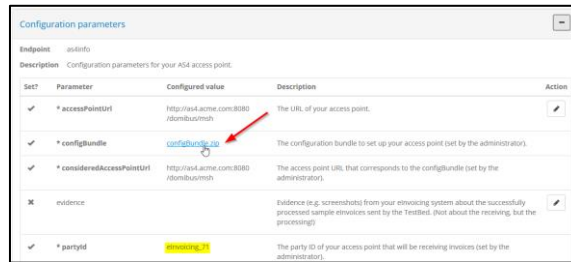
- Name: accessPointUrl
- Description: The URL of your access point.
- * Value:

Buttons: Save, Delete, Cancel

11. The user downloads his configuration package.

If the user saved his valid **accessPointUrl** parameter, the TestBed generates a Party ID and a configuration package.

The user refreshes the current page under the **Configuration parameters** tab, until he finds the downloadable package in the **configBundle** parameter, then he clicks on it for downloading.



Set?	Parameter	Configured value	Description	Action
✓	* accessPointUrl	http://e4.acme.com:8080/ /dombu/msh	The URL of your access point.	✎
✓	* configbundle	configbundle.zip	The configuration bundle to set up your access point (set by the administrator).	
✓	* consideredAccessPointUrl	http://e4.acme.com:8080/ /dombu/msh	The access point URL, that corresponds to the configbundle (set by the administrator).	
✗	evidence		Evidence (e.g. screenshots) from your invoicing system about the successfully processed sample invoices sent by the TestBed. (Not about the receiving, but the processing!)	✎
✓	* partyId	XXXXXXXXXX	The party ID of your access point that will be receiving invoices (set by the administrator).	

The user has now completed the preparation and continues with the execution as described in §1.3.3-
Step 3: Execution & report feedback.

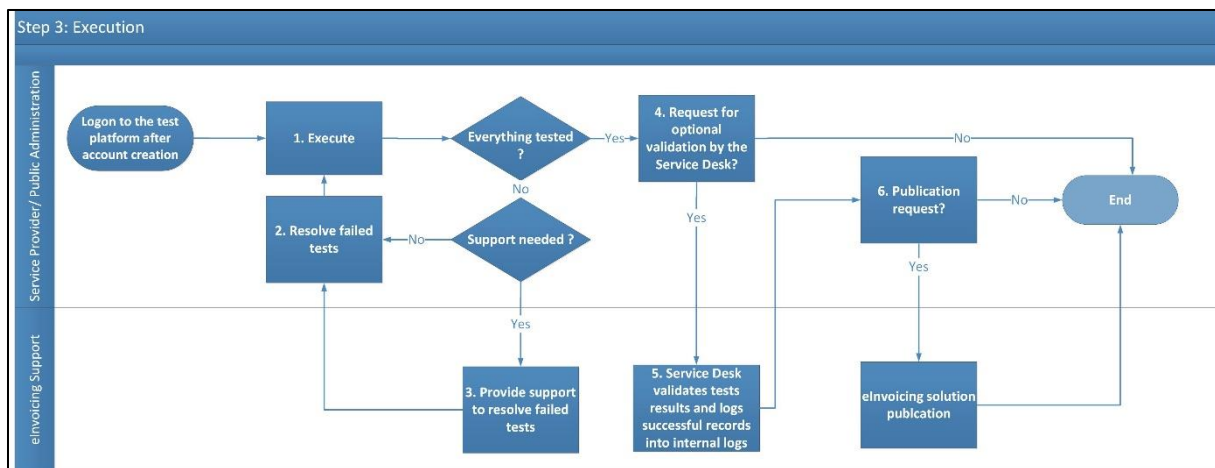
If the user needs support while conducting the test, he can contact the eInvoicing Service Desk team (EC-EINVOICING-SUPPORT@ec.europa.eu). For contact information see also §2 - Contact Information.

1.3.3. Step 3: Execution & report feedback

Purpose: to execute the conformance tests and generate a test report.

1. The user executes the conformance tests using the testing platform.
2. The user resolves the failed tests (with or without the support of the eInvoicing Service Desk).
3. The eInvoicing Service Desk provides technical support to the user during the execution of the conformance tests.
4. If needed the user may request validation from the eInvoicing Service Desk once all conformance tests have successfully passed and the required evidence was uploaded.
5. If validation was requested, the eInvoicing Service Desk assesses the recorded test sessions and the provided evidence. If the results are found correct, the eInvoicing Service Desk logs the successful test record in an internal register.
6. On a voluntary basis, the user can promote his solution on the [Digital eInvoicing page](#). To do so, the user must request validation from eInvoicing Service Desk and share the solution information with the eInvoicing Service Desk (information listed on the page).

The overview of the Execution process is shown in the diagram below:



The user can test an eInvoice once the registration and the preparation on the GITB platform are completed and when he has configured his Access Point and eInvoicing system. To do so the user shall download and use the configuration package that contains the required files (manual, sample SOAP project, a private key, a Pmode and a Truststore). The package can be downloaded from the configBundle parameter (see configuration section at § 1.3.2 - Step 2: Preparation - Step 11.), which needs to be adapted to the user's environment. Non-Domibus users should use the Pmode as a guideline for setting up his environment.

1. The user logs on to the GITB platform at <https://www.itb.ec.europa.eu/cef/itb/#/login> with his EU Login account credentials.
For more information about EU Login, check §1.3.1 - Step 1: Registration.
2. The user selects the required role (organisation) linked to his account.
3. The user clicks on the **My conformance statements** button.
4. The user selects the System created in the preparation phase.

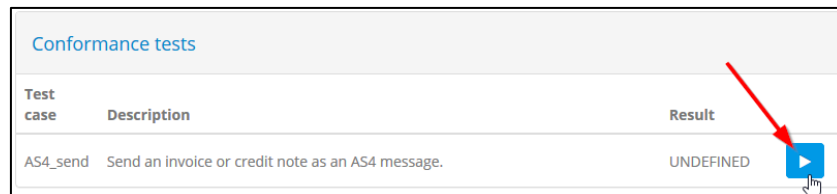
5. The user selects the scenario on the Conformance statement page which was created in the preparation phase.
6. The user verifies that the configuration parameter was set correctly as described in the preparation phase (**accessPointUrl**) and that other mandatory parameters were generated successfully by the TestBed (configBundle, consideredAccessPointUrl, partyId).

The next steps depend on the chosen scenario of the Conformance statement:

- **Sender scenario:**

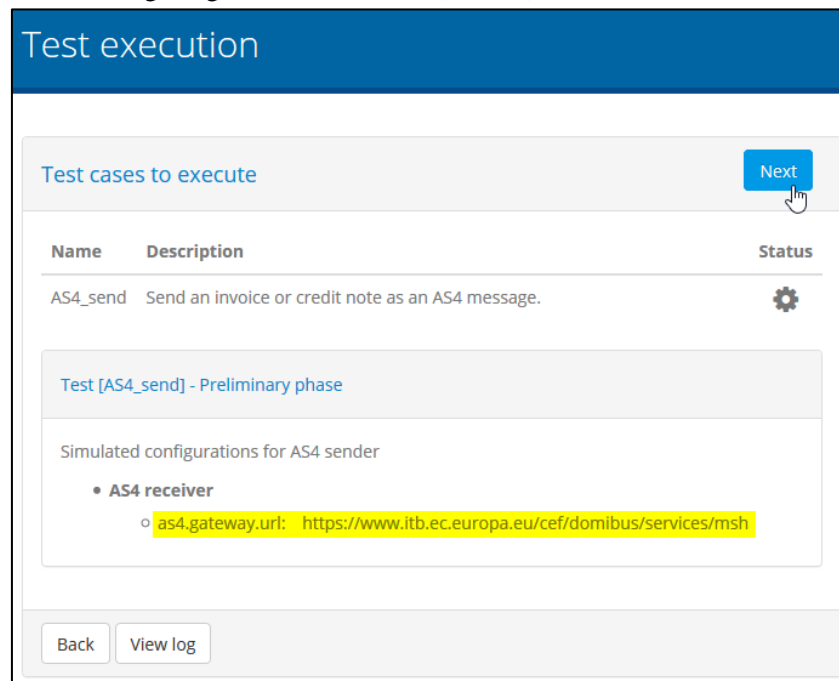
The user is the **sender** and will send an AS4 message using the eInvoice intended to be tested to the GITB TestBed which is the receiver.

1. The user chooses the only available Test Case (**AS4_send**) and opens it by clicking on the **Play** button:



Remark: If any mandatory parameter is missing for the test, the user will get a list of missing parameters in the next screen instead of the screen below. The user must fill them before continuing with the further steps.

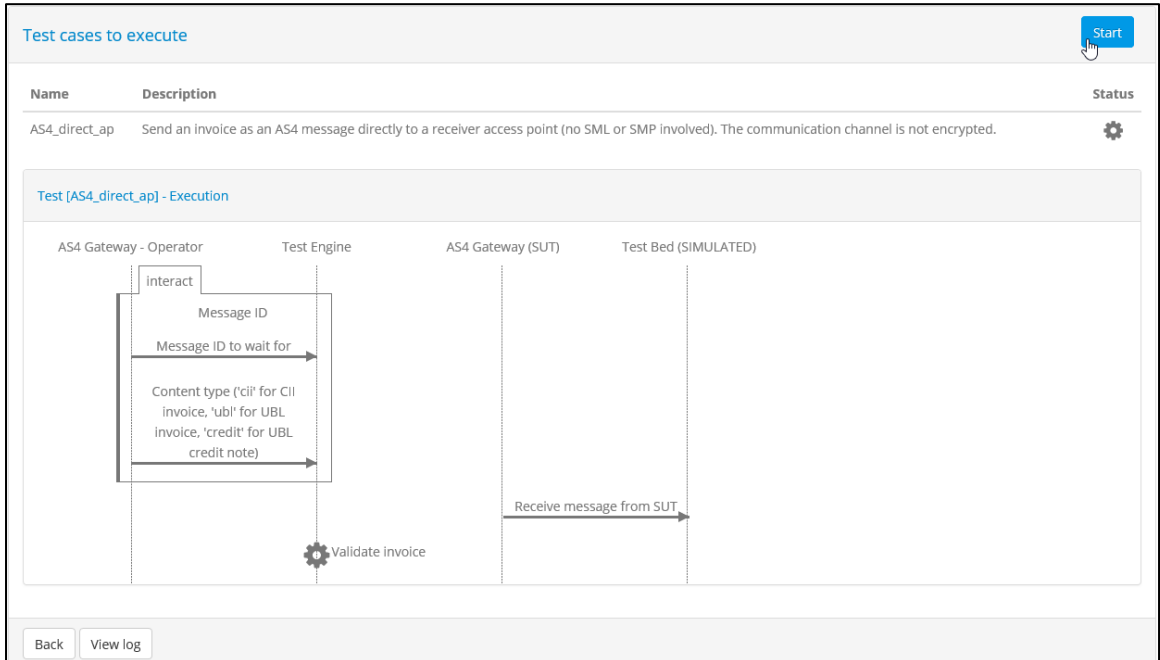
On the **Test execution** page, the user can find the required data he needs for configuring his AS4 access point. The user must note the **as4.gateway.url** of the TestBed (Receiver) Access Point. He will use this when configuring the PMode of his (Sender) Access Point.



- The user updates (if needed) and installs the Pmode downloaded in the configuration package, at preparation phase on his (Sender) Access Point.

- The user installs the Truststore downloaded from the configuration package, on his (Sender) Access Point: by default, the Truststore password is set to “test123”.
- The user installs the Keystore downloaded from the configuration package, on his (Sender) Access Point: by default, the Keystore password is set to “test123”.

2. The user clicks on the **Next** button to complete and clicks on the **Start** button to start the test:



3. Once the process starts, the **Server interaction** screen will be displayed:

The screenshot shows a 'Server interaction' form. It has a title 'Server interaction' in blue. Below the title, there are two input fields. The first is labeled 'Message ID to wait for' and is empty. The second is labeled 'Content type ('cii' for CII invoice, 'ubl' for UBL invoice, 'credit' for UBL credit note)' and is also empty. At the bottom right of the form is a 'Send' button.

4. At this point the user can start his Access Point and send an AS4 message to the TestBed with the eInvoice in the attachment. If needed, he can use the SOAPUI project provided by the eInvoicing Service Desk as a template.
5. The user writes down the resulting **messageID**.
6. The user inputs the messageID in the testbed **Server interaction** screen, together with the chosen eInvoice format (**cii** or **ubl**) and clicks on **Send** to execute:

Server interaction

Message ID to wait for

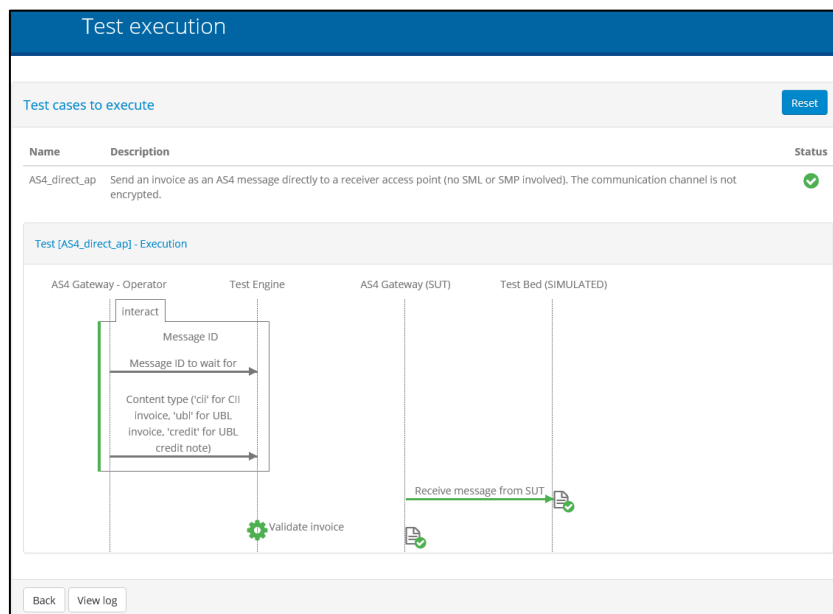
e310fabd-2cba-4ffe-808a-655de1ad79cd@domibus.eu

Content type ('cii' for CII invoice, 'ubl' for UBL invoice, 'credit' for UBL credit note)

ubl

Send

- The test status will then be displayed. If all phases were successful, they will be displayed in **green** as shown in this successful test example below:



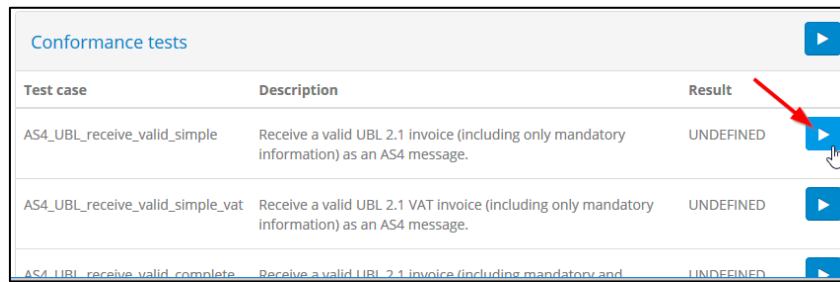
- If any phase is marked with a red cross, this means it was unsuccessful. The user clicks on the document with the red **x** to get detailed information on the error.
- If all phases are finished successfully, the user can check or download his report of the performed test. The user navigates back to the **Performed Tests** page to find his test results.
- If the user's solution successfully passed all the Conformance Testing and the results were validated by eInvoicing Service Desk, the user can promote (on a voluntary basis) his solution on the [Digital eInvoicing page](#). To do so, the user must share the solution information with the eInvoicing Service Desk (information listed on the page).

- Receiver scenario:**

The user is the **receiver** and receives an AS4 message with a sample compliant eInvoice, from the GITB TestBed who is the sender.

- There are multiple sample eInvoices in the GITB TestBed repository. The user can select any of them according to his need or his eInvoicing system requirements.

The user chooses any of the available Receiver test cases and opens it by clicking on the **Play** button:

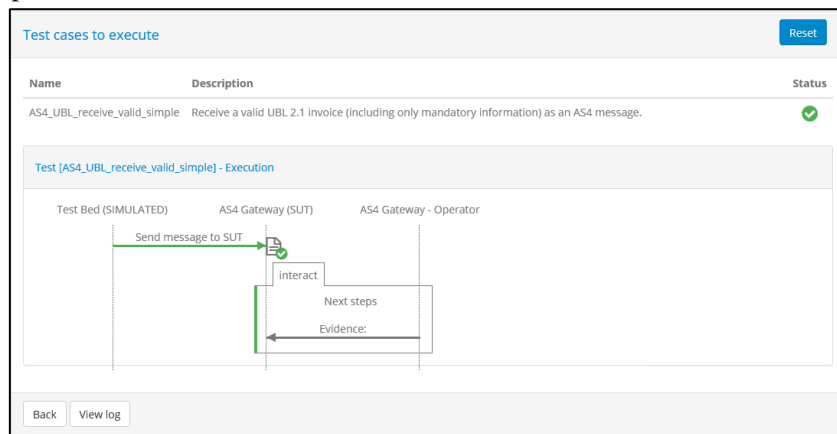


Test case	Description	Result
AS4_UBL_receive_valid_simple	Receive a valid UBL 2.1 invoice (including only mandatory information) as an AS4 message.	UNDEFINED
AS4_UBL_receive_valid_simple_vat	Receive a valid UBL 2.1 VAT invoice (including only mandatory information) as an AS4 message.	UNDEFINED
AS4_UBL_receive_valid_complete	Receive a valid UBL 2.1 invoice (including mandatory and	UNDEFINED

Remark: If any mandatory parameter is missing for the test, the user will get a list of missing parameters in the next screen instead of the screen below. The user should fill them before moving to the next steps.

The user clicks on the **Next** button to complete and clicks on the **Start** button to start the test. The TestBed then sends the chosen sample eInvoice in an AS4 message to his Access Point.

2. If the message was received successfully, it will be displayed in **green** as shown in the successful test example below:



3. If any of the phases is marked with a red **x**, it means that it was unsuccessful. The user should click on the document with the red **x** to get detailed information on the error.
4. After successfully completing one of the receiving test scenarios, the user can check or download his report of the performed test. The user navigates back and opens the **Performed Tests page**, where he will find all his test results.
5. If the user requests validation, the eInvoicing Service Desk will also request the user's test evidence of the **processing** of the received sample eInvoice to certify that the user's receiver action was successfully completed. This test evidence can consist of screenshots from the user's **eInvoicing system**, where the sent sample eInvoices are successfully **processed** and where it is possible to identify the sample eInvoices on the picture.
The evidence files should be uploaded into the **evidence** parameter at the Configuration parameters section on the Tests page (see configuration section § 1.3.2 - Step 2: Preparation – Step 9). If the user wants to provide more than one file, he can put all his files together in a zip file.

6. If the user's solution successfully passed all the Conformance Testing and the results were validated by eInvoicing Service Desk, - on a voluntary basis - the user can promote his solution on the [Digital eInvoicing page](#). To do so, the user must share the solution information with the eInvoicing Service Desk (information listed on the page).

2. CONTACT INFORMATION

eInvoicing Service Desk

Digital website: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-building-blocks/sites/display/DIGITAL/eInvoicing>

Service desk: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-building-blocks/tracker/plugins/servlet/desk/portal/8>

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