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to the Commission**

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Subject: E-invoicing in the European Union

EU Member States and the Commission have decided to promote a European standard for electronic invoicing (e-invoicing). Recently, the Commission announced that a reference to the European standard on e-invoicing has been published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Mass adoption of e-invoicing within the EU is likely to lead to significant economic benefits, as well as to an increase in European business competitiveness. However, some obstacles persist that hinder the benefits of such e-invoicing. Many different e-invoice formats are currently in use within the EU, which generates high costs for businesses and public entities. While all contracting authorities will have to accept electronic invoices that are in line with the European norm, specific rules will remain valid at national level.

Given the state of play of e-invoicing in Europe, how does the Commission intend to further pave the way for the broad-scale introduction of e-invoicing at EU level?