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- CWA 17029:2016 Post-award profiles and transactions

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- CWA 17025-1: Overview and Architecture
- CWA 17025-101: Conformance and Customization Methodology guideline

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- CWA 17025-102: Code List and Identifier Management specification
- CWA 17025-103: Business Document and Envelope guideline
- CWA 17025-104: Profile Architecture specification
- CWA 17025-105: Conformance Registry specification
- CWA 17025-106: Open Procurement Data report
- CWA 17025-107: Message Level Response guideline
- CWA 17025-108: Use of Digital Signature and Other Trust Services
- CWA 17025-109: Guideline on the Concept of Core
- CWA 17025-110: Profile Maintenance Process specification
- CWA 17025-111: Capturing Business Requirements specification
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- CWA 17025-113: Business Rules Description Mechanism guideline
- CWA 17025-114: Attachments Handling guideline
- CWA 17025-115: Semantic Data Type guideline
- CWA 17025-116: Glossary and Business Term Vocabulary
- CWA 17025-203: BDE Syntax Implementation Guideline for Messaging Envelope
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Introduction

The first CEN BII Workshop was established in May 2007 with the objective of harmonising electronic procurement in Europe. The CEN BII initiative, which now comprises a further two CEN Workshops, is a standardisation activity within CEN (European Committee for Standardisation). It provides a framework for interoperability in pan-European electronic transactions expressed as a set of technical specifications.

During the second phase of the initiative (CEN WS/BII 2) a set of technical specifications – “CEN BII Profiles” – were documented and published as five CEN Workshop Agreements (CWAs), which are currently used across Europe. The profiles are designed to facilitate effective public e-procurement based on a modular approach for implementation, with a focus on global interoperability.

The CEN BII profiles can be seen as “agreements” on message contents and business processes. The profile descriptions focus on core information elements that typically cater to the majority of user requirements applicable across Europe and lower the need for detailed bilateral agreements between the trading partners.

In its third phase (CEN WS/BII 3), which began in March 2013 with the approval of the business plan, the Workshop has focused on ensuring that all relevant aspects of e-procurement are covered, including additional business requirements coming from the new Public Procurement Directives and alignment to other standardization efforts in the area of electronic invoicing, as well as ensuring wider recognition and adoption of its deliverables.

More information about the CEN BII initiative can be found on www.cenbii.eu.

1 Scope

The scope of this document is to define the conformance principles to BII specifications and to describe the methodology that shall be used to create customizations in order to allow flexibility to user communities while preserving interoperability among them to the greatest possible extent.

However, when dealing with e-Invoicing, customizations must retain full conformance with the EN as will be defined by CEN PC 434. This means they cannot include any restrictions or extensions which will mean they cannot be interoperable with any of the syntaxes produced from the EN.

2 Conformance

2.1 Document Instance Conformance

Conformance to a BII transaction is measured at document instance level taking into account the Information Requirement Model, the Business Rules and the Syntax Binding. Regardless the system or user community that has generated a document instance, and the identifiers it carries as part of its data, a document instance is a:

- a) Strictly Conformant Instance

A Strictly Conformant Instance to a BII transaction has the following characteristics: