

## PRESS RELEASE

### Cegedim e-business expands its European presence

A new office in Brussels and membership in the PEPPOL European e-procurement network

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**Cegedim e-business, a European leader in B2B process digitalization, has joined the PEPPOL (Pan-European Public Procurement Online) network of EU public sector buyers, which is currently in eight European countries. Cegedim e-business will now be able to send e-invoices to any of the private-sector or public-sector entities in the network.**

As a PEPPOL network Access Point, [Cegedim e-business](#) continues to expand its electronic data exchange platform at the European level.

The network got its start with the OpenPEPPOL association, founded in 2012 to encourage the standardization of e-procurement procedures in Europe. Members can exchange standards-based electronic orders and invoices over the PEPPOL network using an EDI format<sup>1</sup>. Today, its members include public administrative services in eight European countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands, Poland, the UK and Sweden.

"We are excited to be part of this effort to standardize electronic data exchanges across Europe," said [Patrick Schuller, Business Development Director Cegedim e-business](#). "Electronic invoicing holds tremendous promise for streamlining commercial relationships and enhancing the performance of European companies and administrative services", he added.

#### **Reinforcements for Benelux roll-outs**

[Cegedim e-business](#) helps companies in every business sector digitalize and automate their B2B processes by drawing on its e-procurement, e-invoicing, and e-signature services.

[Cegedim e-business](#) is opening an office in the Brussels metropolitan area – headed by Benelux Area Sales Manager Dirk Debot – to partner with clients implementing these systems in the region and to expand its Benelux network. The new office will also strengthen synergies with other European e-invoicing players in the Brussels-based European E-invoicing Service Providers Association (EESPA), of which Cegedim is a founding member.

#### **Widespread adoption of e-invoicing by 2020**

Digitalized data exchanges are growing in Europe: 1,615 million e-invoices were sent in 2016, a substantial 29% increase over 2015 volumes (see the [EESPA release of September 27, 2017](#)). Aiming for widespread e-invoicing adoption by 2020, the 2014 European public procurement directive encourages public-sector entities in EU countries to implement e-invoicing. Some national administrative services now require their suppliers to invoice electronically. For example, by 2020 France will require that every invoice sent to public sector entities be submitted electronically via CHORUS PORTAIL PRO – which can be accessed using the same [Cegedim e-business](#) portal and has already processed 9 million invoices since January 1, 2017.

<sup>1</sup> Via a system of technical specifications and interoperability rules aimed at making it easier to manage procurement electronically between companies and entities in different countries.

#### About Cegedim e-business:

Cegedim e-business is a European leader in B2B process automation and digitalization. It handles over 850 million data flows annually and connects 120,000 companies worldwide. Cegedim e-business uses its unique range of e-procurement, e-invoicing, e-archiving and e-signature services to help companies of every size and in every business sector make a successful digital transition.

Cegedim e-business is a member of the PEPPOL and EESPA European networks. It operates a multichannel electronic exchanges platform that handles any type of document, from contracts to payments, and helps streamline client-supplier relationships while significantly improving administrative efficiency, cash management, and traceability.

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#### About Cegedim:

Founded in 1969, Cegedim is an innovative technology and services company in the field of digital data flow management for healthcare ecosystems and B2B, and a business software publisher for healthcare and insurance professionals. Cegedim employs more than 4,000 people in 11 countries and generated revenue of €441 million in 2016. Cegedim SA is listed in Paris (EURONEXT: CGM).

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