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Subject: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on  
Electronic invoicing in public procurement (First reading)  
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– Information from the Presidency  
(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European  
Union)

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Delegations will find in annex an information note from the Presidency :

**Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Electronic invoicing in public procurement**

1. On 1 July 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council and the European Parliament a proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on electronic invoicing in public procurement<sup>1</sup>. The objective of the proposal is to improve the functioning of the Internal Market by introducing mechanisms that would diminish market access barriers in cross-border public procurement, generated by insufficient interoperability of e-invoicing technical requirements or standards.
2. The proposal has been identified as one of the key actions of the Single Market Act II, and is considered to be a complement to the modernisation of the public procurement rules, in particular with regard to the full transition to e-procurement. The European Council in its conclusions of 28 and 29 June 2012 stated that priority should be given to measures aimed at further developing cross-border online trade, including by facilitating the transit to electronic invoicing, and in its conclusions of 24 and 25 October 2013 stressed that the modernisation of public administrations should continue through the swift implementation of electronic invoicing.
3. European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 16 October 2013.
4. The Committee of Regions delivered its opinion on 28 November 2013.

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<sup>1</sup> 12104/13 MAP 62 COMPET 552 MI 621 EF 145 ECOFIN 687 TELECOM 192 CODEC 1703

5. The vote in the IMCO Committee of the European Parliament took place on 17 December 2013.
  6. On 2 December 2013, the Competitiveness Council adopted a General Approach on the draft Directive as set out in doc. 16162/13.
  7. On 15 and 21 January 2014, informal trilogue meetings took place where a final agreement on the text was reached.
  8. On 24 January COREPER endorsed the compromise text as set out in doc . 5411/14.
  9. On 11 February 2014 IMCO Committee of European Parliament approved the outcome of the trilogue negotiations by 37 to 1 votes.
  10. Translation and Revision by the jurist-linguist is on-going and translated versions have been sent to delegation on 12 February 2014 for comments.
  11. The EP plenary vote is scheduled for the Strasbourg March session (week of 10-13 March) which will be followed by a Council final vote as a A Item.
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