Vertex e-Invoicing—

Preparing Your Business for Comprehensive Digital Tax Transformation

A comprehensive approach to digital tax transformation is essential to any business— especially ones operating globally or planning to expand cross border. As new e-invoicing and digital reporting requirements emerge for organizations operating in the European Union (EU) and beyond, it's essential for your organization's IT, order management and tax experts to understand the intricacies of e-invoicing to effectively support this new set of regulations.

Vertex e-Invoicing makes it possible for you to transform your invoicing process and take advantage of electronic invoicing through a single, reliable gateway – one connection managing multi-country regulations that work and respond to changing requirements and mandates.

Through a single gateway, **Vertex e-Invoicing** provides a unified, integrated, global solution to streamline the creation, exchange, clearance, and e-archiving of e-invoices. This increases tax administration reach and efficiency, helps ensure compliant accuracy, automates and consolidates consistency, reduces potential tax fraud, and streamlines processes. You can quickly adjust to new mandates without additional tech overhead.

Current Challenges—and How E-invoicing Helps

Your business faces a range of indirect tax challenges, including:

Complexity

- Rapid emergence of new and proposed e-invoicing mandates globally

- Mandated push for digitization of indirect tax (proposed ViDA reforms and beyond)

- Technology and integrations built to meet and adapt to new, and updated e-invoicing requirements as they happen.

- System flexibility accommodating invoice-to-cash process with simple and consistent API design including pre-built connectors to major ERPs

Compliance

- Difficult to obtain accurate jurisdiction-specific data for e-invoicing mandates

- Responding to unique and rapidly evolving requirements for tax, compliance, and e-invoicing within each jurisdiction

- Increased authority audit activity

Capacity

- Short of expertise in technical or tax areas, labor shortages, competing priorities in tax, finance, and IT

- Managing multiple solutions, vendors, or customization to support e-invoicing and VAT mandates

- Agility to quickly scale to meet business needs

- Audit readiness

Cost & Systems

- Financial costs, soft costs, tax advisory costs

- Data security and confidentiality

- Stability and performance

- Maintenance, support, upgrades

- Integration support

The Evolution—and Benefits—of e-Invoicing

Electronic invoicing (e-invoicing) emerged to meet the need for streamlined methodologies, fiscal and regulatory tax control, and streamlined compliance processes between countries.

At Vertex, we acknowledge the inconsistency between mandates, regulations, and standards which differ from one country to the next. As such, we offer a single solution that manages and coordinates these requirements across countries through a single gateway supporting selling and procurement processes throughout your organization.

In so doing, companies can realize five key benefits emerging from the e-invoicing evolution—the ability to save money, reduce risk, boost competitive advantage, save the environment, and save time.

Save Money:

- Outsourcing e-invoicing through a fully automated provider improves speed and accuracy of message exchange

- Relieves internal teams from setting up and monitoring e-invoicing connections improving team productivity and refocus toward greater value-add activities.

- Expand e-invoice send and receive capabilities across multiple systems and save money through consolidation and planning.

- €193M = Savings made *in one year* by the UK grocery sector by using e-invoicing for *84%* of purchase orders. *[Source: EY]*

- €37= Cost to manually process *one invoice* *[Source: IBM]*

Reduce Risk:

- Vertex experts will handle set-up, monitoring, error resolution and updates, providers safeguard businesses from risks help ensure processes aren't interrupted.

- Providers automatically implement any necessary changes due to new laws or updates in technical specifications, which helps ensure you are up-to-date with the latest e-invoice requirements.

- 5% = *expected error rate* for data extracted from paper invoices *[Source: ecosio survey]*

- 17% = predicted CAGR of European e-invoice market *until 2027* *[Source: Businesswire]*

Boosts Your Competitive Advantage:

The more efficient your e-invoicing solution, the better prepared you will be to connect to new transacting systems and the stronger your billing, purchasing and operating systems will become. This is particularly important given the speed at which e-invoicing mandates are being implemented. With Vertex e-Invoicing, businesses can boast:

- Simple adoption of complex regulations

- Flexible system connection

- Quick onboarding of their customers, suppliers, and government institutions

- Support of drop-shipping processes

- Support of vendor-managed inventory processes

80% ...of B2B sales interactions between suppliers and buyers will occur in digital channels *by 2025* [Source: Gartner]

Plus, as fully managed e-invoicing solutions are *constantly updated* and optimized, they will stay up to date.

Environmentally Friendly:

- Reduces paper consumption.

- Helps supply chains run more smoothly.
- Reduces a company's carbon footprint

- 63% = potential reduction in carbon footprint by moving to electronic invoicing *[Source: Aalto University School of Economics Study]*

- 12M = estimated cost of the *30 billion* invoices sent in Europe *each year* *[Source: E-invoicing Basics]*

Save Time:

- Remove the need for human intervention to minimize the likelihood of errors

- Relieve your internal team from tasks including:

  – Setting up connections

  – Mapping to e-invoice formats

  – Testing and go-live ERP integration

  – Setting up invoice validation routines

  – Error handling

  – Ongoing message monitoring

  – Update installation

15X Faster - A human can process **6,000 paper invoices** a year — as opposed to **90,000 e-invoices** *[Source: EY]*

10 Minutes - can be saved in the handling of **each invoice** when they are received electronically *[Source: GS1]*

What to Expect with Vertex e-Invoicing

Our solution provides a single integrated platform to streamline the creation, submission, clearance, and e-archiving of e-invoices in compliance with jurisdictional mandates.

- **Continuous Transaction Controls -** Vertex e-Invoicing helps enhance Continuous Transaction Controls (CTC) at every stage of indirect tax reporting, including the ability to add PTC automation with real-time CTC reconciliation. Vertex unlocks e-invoice clearance, real-time reporting, Peppol connectivity, and a globally compliant system to exchange B2B and B2G documents.

- **E-invoice submission & clearance -** Use a secure API interface to submit e-invoices to Peppol and other jurisdictional portals per country mandate. Easily track status, obtain necessary clearances, and access required signatures.

- **Audit-ready -** Comply with data retention policies, keeping up to 15 years' worth of approved e-invoices and related artifacts securely e-archived and readily accessible.

- **Centralized, role-based dashboard -** Access a consolidated view across multiple sources. View the status of accounts receivable and accounts payable e-invoices. Toggle between e-Invoicing and VAT Compliance applications to easily reconcile reporting.

- **Single, integrated platform -** When used together with Vertex VAT Compliance, Vertex e-Invoicing provides a single, integrated platform for managing multi-country VAT compliance including real-time and periodic reporting.

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End-to-End VAT Compliance

Vertex e-Invoicing provides scalable and streamlined e-invoice management, seamless integration to financial systems, and global country coverage. The solution is part of an end-to-end VAT compliance suite for multi-nationals that includes data transmission, VAT ID registration, tax determination, compliant traditional invoicing, e-invoicing, e-reporting and periodic reporting, and returns.
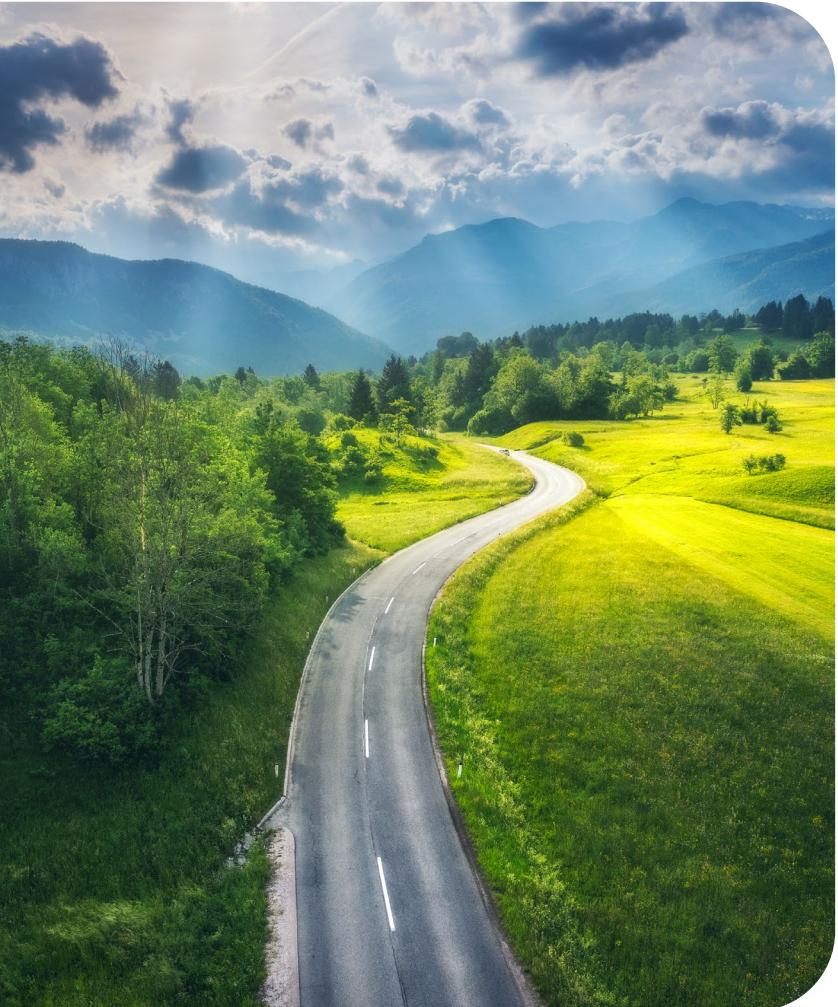
Ready to Take the Next Step to Digital Transformation?

E-invoicing is a critical milestone in the ongoing digital transformation of business practices within the EU and beyond. From streamlining operations to accelerating cross-border trade and enhancing compliance, there are significant efficiency and compliance advantages.

Learn more about how to get started with the Vertex e-Invoicing solution at www.vertexinc.com.

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