

Invoice_Box by Conextrade

New digital input channel for invoices: conversion of PDF invoices into E-Invoicing

As a complement to E-Invoicing, Conextrade by Swisscom offers a new digital input channel for invoices with the Invoice_Box service. To this end, Conextrade converts PDF invoices into a structured and signed data record and allows automatic processing within the invoice recipient's E-Invoicing process.

The following show how the service works in detail:

1. Suppliers can register on the Conextrade Portal free of charge and are verified as trading partners.
2. The suppliers then send their PDF invoice to the universal inbox invoice_box@swisscom.com by e-mail
3. The PDF invoice is validated by Conextrade and the VAT-relevant fields are extracted. The extracted data is converted into a structured data format (e.g. IDOC, ETS XML, UN/EDIFACT).
4. The data is then signed digitally and sent to the invoice recipient as E-Invoicing for processing within their workflow.
5. The signed invoices are supplied to the invoicing party for archiving.

The Conextrade E-Invoicing service must be used as a basic service to be able to use Invoice_Box as an invoice recipient.

Facts and figures about Invoice_Box

- > E-Invoicing and Invoice_Box can be implemented in the same integration project.
- > No additional setup costs for Invoice_Box
- > The invoice recipient always receives structured data and VAT-compliant invoices
- > Fixed-defined fields that are extracted
- > No additional work for the invoice recipient when exchanging master data
- > Convenient delivery of the PDF invoice by e-mail
- > Clarifications regarding the PDF are sent to the supplier by automatic e-mail response

Benefits and advantages

- > The multi-channel approach taken with E-Invoicing & Invoice_Box makes a very high proportion of electronic invoices possible
- > Low hurdle when it comes to digitalising the invoice process for suppliers
- > Receipt via the Invoice_Box provides reliable protection against phishing, spam and viruses
- > Much lower process costs than with paper
- > VAT compliance provides legal certainty within the invoice process
- > Supports automatic invoice posting (order matching)

