

# PEPPOL Validation Service Agreements

## Annex 2 – Definitions

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### 1. Applicability

- 1.1. For the purpose of the PEPPOL Validation Service Agreement the terms listed in this annex shall have the meaning as defined in the following clauses. The definitions refer to the involved parties of this Agreement and the central components. Technical terms are defined in the referenced specifications.

### 2. Definition of terms

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| 2.1. PEPPOL Validation Service          | <p>The decentral component of the validation infrastructure.</p> <p>A PEPPOL validation service is a XKMS responder, serving process requests for the validation of digital signature certificates. Validation services can validate requests themselves or forward it to another validation service in the infrastructure.</p> |
| 2.2. PEPPOL Validation Service Provider | <p>A service provider, offering a validation services (a PEPPOL XKMS responder).</p>  |
| 2.3. PEPPOL Public Registry Service     | <p>The PEPPOL Public Registry Service (PPRS) is the central infrastructure component of the validation infrastructure. It establishes trust between the validation services and enables routing between them.</p>   |
| 2.4. PEPPOL Coordinating Authority      | <p>The organization having the overall responsibility for governance of the central component of the PEPPOL Validation Infrastructure, the PPRS.</p> <p>During the period of the PEPPOL project this role will be assumed by the Governing Board.</p>   |
| 2.5. PEPPOL Participant                 | <p>An organization, Contracting Authority or Economic Operator, using the PEPPOL Validation Infrastructure for the validation of digital signature certificates.</p>  |
| 2.6. PEPPOL Regional Authority          | <p>An optional role in the governance structure of the PEPPOL validation infrastructure.</p> <p>An organisation responsible to ensure that PEPPOL</p>   |

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validation services providers conduct their services according to the validation service agreement and its annexes.

The Regional Authority has closed contracts with the VS Providers under its regional authority and with the PEPPOL Coordinating Authority.