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1. INTRODUCTION

In the context of the Connect Europe Facility (CEF) eDelivery building block, the European Commission is promoting the adoption of a profile of the AS4 OASIS Standard AS4 [AS4] developed during the e-SENS Large Scale Pilot project [E-SENSAS4]. By using open standards such as AS4, which is also used by other communities internationally, CEF eDelivery benefits from and contributes to the synergies and network effect of using open, internationally adopted standards. Multiple commercial and open source implementations exist for AS4 and are available to public administrations and companies in Europe. Users of CEF eDelivery can procure these solutions in an environment in which multiple solution providers compete for business. This competition incentivises providers to provide quality solutions and value for money.

This document provides an overview of some of the main AS4 solutions available to users of CEF eDelivery. It covers both solutions already used for e-SENS AS4, solutions that are used for the similar AS4 profile developed by the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSO-G), as well as other solutions. The document also addresses AS4 conformance and interoperability testing done within CEF and by the Drummond Group and AS4 consulting expertise. With this document end users can save time collecting their long-list of candidates and so accelerate their implementations.

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2. GENERAL PURPOSE AS4 MESSAGING SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS

This section provides an overview of general purpose AS4 message software solutions. These are solutions that have been developed with a broad range of potential users and applications in mind. For each solution, a short introduction is provided as well as a listing of the following main information items:

Company Name:	If the product is provided by a commercial company, the name of the company
Public Administration Name:	If the product is provided by a public administration, the name of the public administration
Headquartered:	The city and country in which the main offices of the provider of the product are based. Note that international companies do business via national or regional subsidiaries, partners or resellers.
Product Name(s):	The name of the product
Drummond Certified:	Whether the company has been certified in one of the AS4 interoperability rounds of the Drummond Group
E-SENS AS4 tested:	Whether the company has passed or is in the process passing the conformance testing according to the e-SI AS4 profile:
Programming Language:	The programming language in which the product is implemented, or for which the product provides an API
Internet:	an Internet URL at which more information about the product is provided.
Contact:	an Internet URL or email address at which the company may be contacted
Open Source License:	If the product is available under an open source license, the applicable license form

2.1. ADES AS4

ADES is a software and service company, based in Vienna, Austria. In 2014, Gas Connect Austria (GCA) used its ADES AS4 product in the ENTSOG AS4 proof-of-concept that showed successful interoperability with four other implementations. The product has since been deployed in production for gas document exchange by ADES customers in Europe. A distinctive feature of the product is that it is very lightweight and can run on simple industrial platforms (e.g. Raspberry Pi) as well as within an enterprise environment.

Company Name:	ADES Echtzeitdatenverarbeitungssysteme GmbH
Headquartered:	Vienna, Austria (AT)
Product Name(s):	ADES AS4
Drummond Certified:	No
E-SENS AS4 tested:	Planned
Programming Language	C/C++ and Perl
Internet:	http://www.ades.at/home.html
Contact:	http://www.ades.at/html/kontakt.html

2.2. Axway B2BI and Gateway Interchange

Axway is an international software company providing solutions for integration and other application areas. Axway has supported AS4 since October 2014, starting with B2Bi 2.1 and Interchange 5.12. Axway's products were among the first Drummond certified products and have been re-certified in all subsequent Drummond AS4 interoperability testing rounds.

Axway AS4 has been used for e-Justice data exchange by a participant in e-CODEX and is currently used in me-CODEX. In 2014, Axway customer Gassco (Norway) participated in ENTSOG's AS4 interoperability proof-of-concept that showed successful interoperability with four other implementations. The product has since been deployed in production for gas exchanges for in Europe. A public reference for a large production end user for Axway AS4 is SuperChoice, one of the largest AS4 deployments in Australia.

Axway successfully participated in an informal e-SENS AS4 interoperability Proof-of-Concept in 2015. An upcoming release (September 2017) intends to provide full support for the ENTSOG and e-SENS AS4 profiles.

Company Name:	Axway, Inc.
Headquartered:	Scottsdale, AZ (US)
Product Name(s):	Axway B2BI, Axway Interchange
Drummond Certified:	Yes, in 2013, 2014/2015 and 2016, https://www.drummondgroup.com/b2b-certified-products/certified-products/as4

E-SENS AS4 tested:	Ongoing
Programming Language:	Java
Internet:	https://www.axway.com/en/enterprise-solutions/b2bi https://www.axway.com/en/datasheet/axway-interchange
Contact:	http://www.ad.es.at/html/kontakt.html

2.3. Bosch SI inubit BPM

Bosch Software Innovation is an international software company providing solutions in a variety of application areas, including BPM and messaging. The company supports AS4 in its inubit BPM product, which is used in production by a number of energy companies in Europe for AS4 communication.

Company Name:	Bosch Software Innovation (Bosch SI)
Headquartered:	Berlin (DE)
Product Name(s):	Inubit BPM
Drummond Certified:	No
E-SENS AS4 tested:	No
Internet:	https://www.bosch-si.com/bpm-and-brm/inubit-bpm/business-process-management.html
Contact:	https://www.bosch-si.com/bpm-and-brm/contact/bpm-and-brm-experts.html

2.4. Chasquis Consulting Holodeck B2B

Holodeck B2B is an open source implementation of AS4 that was used successfully in the e-SENS AS4 interoperability proof-of-concept in 2015. It has been used extensively in the e-SENS pilots as well as in the EU-CEG, ENTSG, IATA and ATO (Superstream) domains. Holodeck B2B was one of the very first AS4 products to pass CEF conformance tests.

Chasquis Consulting as developers and maintainers of Holodeck B2B provide support, implementation consultancy and hosted AS4 gateways.

Company Name:	Chasquis Consulting
Headquartered:	Leiden (NL)
Product Name(s):	Holodeck B2B
Drummond Certified:	No

E-SENS AS4 tested:	Yes, https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/e-SENS+AS4+conformant+solutions
Programming Language:	Java
Internet:	http://chasquis-consulting.com/
Contact:	info@chasquis-consulting.com
Open Source License:	GPL3; API (interfaces) LGPL3

2.5. Domibus

The Domibus open source AS4 implementation was developed and used in the former e-CODEX project. Domibus is also used by the majority of participants in the ongoing Me-CODEX project, as well as in several other data exchange projects internationally. It is currently maintained and actively supported by the European Commission's Directorate General Informatics (DIGIT) as the sample implementation of e-SENS AS4.

Public Administration:	European Commission, Directorate-General Informatics (DG DIGIT)
Headquartered:	Brussels (BE)
Product Name(s):	Domibus
Drummond Certified:	No
E-SENS AS4 tested:	Yes, https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/e-SENS+AS4+conformant+solutions
Programming Language:	Java
Internet:	https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/Access+Point+software
Contact:	CEF-EDELIVERY-SUPPORT@ec.europa.eu
Open Source License:	EUPL v1.1

2.6. Flame MessageServer and Light Client

Flame Computing Enterprises is a South African software development and support company. It developed messaging solutions for various industries. The Flame Message Server (FMS) and Light Client products were among the earliest implementations of AS4. Flame was also among the four first Drummond certified AS4 vendors and has been re-certified in several subsequent Drummond interoperability testing rounds. A number of end user customers use FMS for AS4 in production in Australia and in Europe.

FMS has been used successfully in the e-SENS AS4 interoperability proof-of-concept in 2015 and has been used for piloting in e-SENS. The product has been tested successfully for conformance to the e-SENS AS4 profile. Flame products

are supported in Europe via a partner company, ECS International, which is based in the Netherlands.

Company Name:	Flame Computing Enterprises
Product Name(s):	Flame
Headquartered:	Johannesburg area (ZA)
Drummond Certified:	Yes, in 2013, 2014/2015. https://www.drummondgroup.com/b2b-certified-products/certified-products/as4
E-SENS AS4 tested:	Yes, https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/e-SENS+AS4+conformant+solutions
Programming Language:	Java
Internet:	http://as4.business/
Contact:	For European Region, contact information available at: https://www.ecsinternational.eu/en/products/flame/

2.7. IBM B2B Advanced Communications

IBM B2B Advanced Communications intends to help IBM customers address the communication demands of complex global trading partner networks. In July 2013, IBM was contracted by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to provide ebMS3/AS4 messaging capabilities to its SuperStream and Standard Business Reporting (SBR) programmes, which have since become widely known deployments of AS4. The product was certified in Drummond's 2014/2015 interoperability testing round.

The B2B Advanced Communications product has also been used successfully in the e-SENS AS4 interoperability proof-of-concept in 2015 and has been used for piloting in e-SENS. The product has been tested successfully for conformance to the e-SENS AS4 profile.

Company Name:	IBM
Headquartered:	Armonk, NY (US)
Product Name(s):	IBM B2B Advanced Communications
Drummond Certified:	Yes, 2014/2015
E-SENS AS4 tested:	Yes, https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/e-SENS+AS4+conformant+solutions
Programming Language:	Java
Internet:	http://ibm.com/B2BCommunications
Contact:	Regional IBM Sales Representative or IBM Business Partner or https://www.ibm.com/contact/

2.8. Mendelson AS4 2017

mendelson-e-commerce is a company providing EDI software and data integration tools. mendelson AS4 2017 is an open source AS4 implementation developed and supported by mendelson-e-commerce GmbH. It supports ebXML AS4 (full implementation), ENTSOG AS4v2, ENTSOG AS4v3 and e-SENS AS4, and the version to be used can be specified per partner. The product is available in dual license model -a community (open source) and a commercial version. The commercial version can also be acquired with a support and maintenance plan.

The product is used by companies in the energy sector for ENTSOG AS4 and successfully passed e-SENS AS4 conformance tests.

Company Name:	mendelson-e-commerce GmbH
Product Name(s):	mendelson AS4 2017
Headquartered:	Berlin (DE)
Drummond Certified:	No
E-SENS AS4 tested:	Yes, https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/e-SENS+AS4+conformant+solutions
Programming Language:	Java
Internet:	http://as4.mendelson-e-c.com/
Contact:	service@mendelson-e-c.com
Open Source License:	GPL (for the open source version of the product)

2.9. /n software EDI Integrator and AS4 Adapter

/n software is a North American provider of enterprise class professional tools and components for Internet Communications, Security, and Business Integration. The company has supported AS4 since the end of 2015. Its software is available as a product and as an adapter for use with Microsoft Biztalk. /n software has customers in Europe using AS4 in production for the ENTSOG AS4 profile.

Company Name:	/n software
Headquartered:	Chapel Hill, NC (US)
Product Name(s):	EDI Integrator, AS4 Adapter for Biztalk
Drummond Certified:	No, but the related RSSBUS Connect product has been tested successfully, https://www.drummondgroup.com/b2b-certified-products/certified-products/as4 .
E-SENS AS4 tested:	No, but the related RSSBUS Connect product has been tested successfully, https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/e-SENS+AS4+conformant+solutions
Programming Language:	Java or .NET

Internet:	https://www.nsoftware.com/kb/articles/as4.rst https://www.nsoftware.com/kb/articles/biztalkas4adapter.rst
Contact:	https://www.nsoftware.com/company/contact.aspx

2.10. OBAN Messaging Gateway

OBAN is an Australian company providing messaging solutions. The company implemented AS4 to support the Australian Superannuation programme. In Australia, AS4 is also used for B2G reporting, which is mandatory for all participants and is going to be a staged implementation. Additionally, B2B e-Invoicing is being introduced via an AS4 transport, however, the uptake is slow because it not mandated. AS4 is also used for superannuation in New Zealand.

OBAN solutions are available to European customers as a SAAS solution. AS4 is supported in the OBAN B2B Messaging Gateway product, which was one of the first Drummond certified products.

Company Name:	Oban Enterprise Solutions
Headquartered:	Kew, VIC (AU)
Product Name(s):	OBAN B2B Messaging Gateway
Drummond Certified:	Yes, in 3Q2013, https://www.drummondgroup.com/b2b-certified-products/certified-products/as4
E-SENS AS4 tested:	No
Internet:	http://www.obansolutions.com.au/as4_gateway.html
Contact:	http://www.obansolutions.com.au/contact.html

2.11. OpenText BizManager

OpenText is an international software company in the area of Enterprise Information Management. In this area, OpenText Business Network is a set of solutions that facilitate efficient, secure, and compliant exchange of information inside and outside of organisations. OpenText Business Network delivers a product set that integrates messaging and B2B Integration services within a single platform.

Company Name:	OpenText GXS
Headquartered:	Waterloo, Ontario (CA)
Product Name(s):	BizManager 3.3
Drummond Certified:	Yes, in 2016, https://www.drummondgroup.com/b2b-certified-products/certified-products/as4 .
E-SENS AS4 tested:	No
Programming Language:	Java

Internet:	http://www.gxs.com/products/b2b-integration-software/b2b-gateway
Contact:	http://www.opentext.com/who-we-are/contact-us/contact-opentext

2.12. Oracle B2B

Oracle B2B provides secure and reliable exchange of business documents between businesses. The product can be used together with the Oracle SOA Suite to provide an architecture enabling a unified business process platform, end-to-end instance tracking, visibility, auditing, process intelligence, governance, and security.

Company Name:	Oracle, Inc.
Headquartered:	Redwood Shores, CA (US)
Product Name(s):	AS4 available as a patch on Oracle B2B 12.1.3 (Feb. 2015)
Drummond Certified:	Yes, in 2014/2015
E-SENS AS4 tested:	No
Programming Language:	Java
Internet:	http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/middleware/b2b-integrations/overview/index.html
Contact:	https://www.oracle.com/corporate/contact/index.html

2.13. Ponton X / P

Ponton is a German software company providing solutions for B2B integration. Ponton X/P supports secure and reliable end-to-end integration for business communities. Several Ponton X/P users have already updated their software for AS4 support.

Company Name:	Ponton
Headquartered:	Hamburg (DE)
Product Name(s):	Ponton X/P 3.2, AS4 since 2014
Drummond Certified:	No
E-SENS AS4 tested:	No
Programming Language:	Java
Internet:	http://www.ponton.de/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=32
Contact:	info@ponton.de http://www.ponton-consulting.de/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4

2.14. RSSBus Connect

RSSBus is a North American software company that provides high-performance, reliable, and fully-extensible products that aim to simplify the process of producing, consuming, and integrating data. The RSSBus products enable a simple yet effective layer of middleware that helps users drive information flow without the added complexity that is common across other integration solutions. RSSBus is a spin-off of /n software, a leading provider of enterprise-class tools for Internet communications, security, and e-business development.

Company Name:	RSSBus
Headquartered:	Chapel Hill, NC (US)
Product Name(s):	RSSBus Connect 2016
Drummond Certified:	Yes, since Q4 2016, https://www.drummondgroup.com/b2b-certified-products/certified-products/as4 .
E-SENS AS4 tested:	Yes, https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/e-SENS+AS4+conformant+solutions
Programming Language:	Java or .NET
Internet:	http://www.rssbus.com/ports/#as4
Contact:	info@rssbus.com

2.15. SEEBURGER

SEEBURGER is an international software company, which offers software solutions for all integration activities in B2B, MFT, EDI and EAI projects. Part of this platform is an AS4 communication service which supports the AS4 ebHandler conformance profile as profiled for ENTSOE. The AS4 communication service is offered in the SEEBURGER Cloud Service or as an on-premises solution. Customers from the utility industry are using the AS4 communication service in production. Interoperability tests with other AS4 implementations have been done in 2014.

Company Name:	SEEBURGER AG
Headquartered:	Bretten, Karlsruhe area, (DE)
Product Name(s):	AS4 Adapter for Business Integration Server 6.5.2 available as SEEBURGER Cloud Service or as an on-premises solution.
Drummond Certified:	No
E-SENS AS4 tested:	No
Programming Language:	Java
Internet:	http://www.seeburger.eu/gateways-for-your-business-partners/as4ebms-30.html

2.16. Software AG WebMethods

Software AG is an international software company, offering solutions based on open standards, with integration, process management, adaptive application development, real-time analytics and enterprise architecture management as core building blocks.

The webMethods Module 9.5 for AS4 extends the Software AG webMethods product suite to provide an implementation of the AS4 ebHandler conformance profile specified in the AS4 Profile. The module facilitates the secure exchange of messages, independent of payload type, across a company's trading network.

A large end user reference deployment of the product is Superpartners, Australia's largest superannuation (pension) administrator, which operates one of the country's largest B2B networks.

In 2014, Gaz System in Poland used this product in the ENTSOG AS4 proof-of-concept that showed successful interoperability with four other implementations. It has since deployed AS4 in production.

Company Name:	Software AG
Headquartered:	Darmstadt (DE)
Product Name(s):	WebMethods Module 9.5
Drummond Certified:	Yes, in 2014/2015.
E-SENS AS4 tested:	No
Programming Language:	Java
Internet:	http://www2.softwareag.com/corporate/products/webmethods_integration/integration/default.aspx
Contact:	https://www2.softwareag.com/corporate/contact/default.aspx contactus@softwareag.com

2.17. Tibco BusinessConnect

Tibco is an international provider of integration and analytics software. AS4 is supported in the Tibco BusinessConnect product, which was one of the first Drummond certified products. The product is used for AS4 in the Australian SuperAnnuation community.

In 2014, SNAM, ENI (both in Italy) and ENAGAS (Spain) used Tibco BusinessConnect in the ENTSOG AS4 proof-of-concept that showed successful interoperability with four other implementations. The product has since been deployed in production for gas business document exchanges in Europe.

Company Name:	Tibco
Headquartered:	Palo Alto, CA (US)
Product Name(s):	Tibco BusinessConnect
Drummond Certified:	Yes, in 2013.
E-SENS AS4 tested:	No
Programming Language:	Java
Internet:	https://www.tibco.com/products/tibco-businessconnect <a href="https://docs.tibco.com/pub/bcebxml/6.1.0/doc/bcebxml/pdf/TIB_bc
ebxml_6.1_userguideebMS3.pdf">https://docs.tibco.com/pub/bcebxml/6.1.0/doc/bcebxml/pdf/TIB_bc ebxml_6.1_userguideebMS3.pdf
Contact:	https://www.tibco.com/contact-us

3. USER IMPLEMENTATIONS OF AS4 MESSAGING SOFTWARE

Rather than deploying an existing AS4 solution, some user organisations have developed in-house solutions. Some of these organisations have subsequently decided to make these implementations available as open source solutions, allowing their implementations to be used by other users. Note that these solutions are not officially supported for third parties in the same way as the solutions listed in the previous section are.

3.1. EESSI AS4.NET

Electronic Exchange of Social Security Information (EESSI) is an IT system that will help social security bodies across the EU exchange information more rapidly and securely – as required by EU regulation concerning social security coordination. At the moment there is no EU-wide system and most exchanges are still paper-based. With EESSI, all communication between national bodies on cross-border social security files will take place using structured electronic documents. These documents will be routed through the EESSI (hosted centrally by the European Commission) to the correct destination in another EU country.

Public Administration:	European Commission, Directorate-General Employment (DG EMPL)
Headquartered:	Brussels, Belgium
Product Name(s):	AS4.NET
Drummond Certified:	No
E-SENS AS4 tested:	Yes, https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/e-SENS+AS4+conformant+solutions
Programming Language:	C#
Internet:	http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=869 https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/code/projects/EDELIVERY/repos/eesi-as4.net/browse
Contact:	empl-eessi-edelivery@ec.europa.eu
Open Source License:	EUPL v1.1

3.2. Laurentius

The highest court in Slovenia is the Supreme Court of the Republic of Slovenia (Vrhovno sodišče Republike Slovenije), which is responsible for the uniform jurisprudence and thus normally only hears appeals concerning the proper application of law. This organisation developed Laurentius as a solution for secure and reliable electronic document exchange suited for use primarily in (public) institutions. Laurentius uses the AS4 protocol and implements the e-

SENS AS4 profile. It successfully passed CEF's AS4 conformance tests for that profile. The Supreme Court of the Republic of Slovenia uses Laurentius for secure electronic delivery of court documents. It is available as an open-source solution.

Public Administration:	Vrhovno sodišče Republike Slovenije
Headquartered:	Ljubljana, Slovenia
Product Name(s):	Laurentius
Drummond Certified:	No
E-SENS AS4 tested:	Yes, https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/e-SENS+AS4+conformant+solutions
Programming Language:	Java
Internet:	https://vsrscif.github.io/Laurentius/ https://nio.gov.si/nio/asset/laurentius+sistem+za+varno+elektronsko+vrocenje-719?lang=en
Contact:	cif.vsr@sodisce.si
Open Source License:	EUPL v1.1

4. AS4 TESTING SERVICES

To use AS4, it is important to verify that implementations implement the specification correctly and interoperate. To verify this, implementations should be tested. Drummond Group provides generic AS4 interoperability testing and the CEF building blocks (Trans-European Services, DIGIT.D3) unit provides conformance testing specifically for the e-SENS AS4 profile.

4.1. Drummond Group

The Drummond Group LLC, was established in 1999. One of the key focus areas of the company has been B2B Interoperability (IOP) testing and includes: AS1, AS2, AS3, AS4, ebMS2, and RosettaNet. AS2, AS4 and ebMS IOP are still active with AS2 running continuously since 2000 and ebMS2 about the same amount of time. The Drummond Group was instrumental and played a key role in Technical WG of OASIS that launched the AS4 profile. The Drummond Group has overseen AS4 Interoperability since 2013 and is currently running AS4 IOP for the year 2017.

Drummond Group utilises a patented technology which allows B2B IOP testing to be conducted remotely, over the internet, and mimics real-world production deployments. It also allows for IOP testing to be conducted automatically, and across time zones. The Drummond Group plans to offer the same level of automated testing for AS4 during 2017.

To learn more about Drummond Group, please visit www.drummondgroup.com
To learn more about AS4 IOP and to participate in the current AS4 IOP testing please visit: <https://www.drummondgroup.com/b2b-certified-products/b2b-standards/as4> and <https://www.drummondgroup.com/joinregister>

Any company interested to schedule time to discuss AS4 participation, and to inquire about pricing, is requested to contact:

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According to the last published overview, Drummond AS4 testing covers the AS4 ebHandler conformance profile, for which it provides 32 test cases covering AS4 push and pull, TLS, message layer security using username/password and XML Signature, XML encryption, Payloads in SOAP body or as MIME attachments, synchronous and asynchronous receipts. Testing covers large messages up to 50 MB, multiple payloads, compression, reception awareness, duplication detection and retries. The final report of the last completed interoperability round is available from the Drummond Group's site https://www.drummondgroup.com/images/files/AS4_4Q16_Final_Report.pdf.

Sept. 2015/Feb. 2016	Axway, OpenText GXS, RSSBus https://www.drummondgroup.com/newsevents/press-releases/2016-press-releases/460-as4-4q16-press-release
Sept. 2014/Feb. 2015	Axway, Flame Computing, IBM, Oracle, Software AG, https://www.drummondgroup.com/newsevents/press-releases/2015-press-releases/356-latest-as4-standard-based-products-drummond-certified
April-December 2013	Axway, Flame Computing Enterprises, Oban Pty Ltd, TIBCO Software Inc. https://www.drummondgroup.com/newsevents/press-releases/2014-press-releases/343-first-drummond-certified-as4-interoperability-test-event-completed

4.2. CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY

The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) building blocks (Trans-European Services, DIGIT.D3) unit of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Informatics (DIGIT) provides AS4 conformance testing as part of its CEF eDelivery Testing Services.

<https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/eDelivery+Conformance+testing>

These tests are aimed at the e-SENS AS4 profile, and therefore do not cover features that are not used in that profile. Examples of those untested features are use of username tokens, or the Pull binding. By contrast, the tests do cover e-SENS specific details such as choice of algorithms. Examples of those are the Galois Counter Mode (GCM) of the AES encryption algorithm that the profile mandates.

The base for the CEF e-SENS AS4 conformance test is a set of test assertions for the e-SENS profile, available from

[https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/eDelivery+Conformance+testing?preview=/46992361/46993978/\(CEFeDelivery\).\(eSENS AS4\).\(TAD\).\(v 1.02\).pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/eDelivery+Conformance+testing?preview=/46992361/46993978/(CEFeDelivery).(eSENS AS4).(TAD).(v 1.02).pdf) . This set covers 29 generic AS4 test assertions and 20 e-SENS specific test assertions.

Currently, 8 products successfully passed the e-SENS AS4 conformance tests: Domibus, EESSI AS4.NET, Flame, Holodeck, IBM, Laurentius, Mendelson and RSSbus. Three others, ADES, iFenix and Integration Cloud, are listed as having starting testing:

<https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/e-SENS+AS4+conformant+solutions>

5. AS4 CONSULTING AND IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

When users are deploying e-SENS AS4, a number of skills sets are to be considered:

- Product API-specific skills. For example, if a product has a Java (or other programming language) API to integrate with business applications or with enterprise middleware, the required skills relate to that API rather than AS4. Since there is no standard API, the skill set is quite specific to the product rather than to a protocol like AS4. These skills can be provided by the professional services unit of the solution provider, or of a third party specialist integration company.
- Enterprise integration skills. In most situations, it is not necessary to integrate to an AS4 gateway using a programming language API. Instead, the gateway is to be connected using an Enterprise Service Bus (ESB), some other messaging systems, or simpler protocols like SFTP or Web Services. These skills are less product-specific and often also fairly independent from a standard like AS4, and commonly present in in-house development teams or third party integration consulting companies.
- (E-SENS) AS4 specific skills. These skills are relevant to configure the product for (e-SENS) AS4. Increasingly, solution providers are testing their solutions for conformance and interoperability with CEF or Drummond and are documenting how to configure their products for (e-SENS) AS4 (or other AS4 profiles). The CEF eDelivery team and eDelivery community can help provide AS4 expertise to support such implementations. There are also independent specialist consultants providing AS4 expertise.

The first two of these three categories are out of scope for this document. In the third category, users could contact members of the OASIS ebXML Messaging TC, some of which provide AS4 related services. An overview of members is provided at: https://www.oasis-open.org/committees/membership.php?wg_abbrev=ebxml-msg

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7. REVISION HISTORY

Date	Editor	Changes
2017-05-15	PvdE	First version 0.1 for review
2017-06-20	PvdE	Minor updates, sent to listed companies for review
2017-07-20	PvdE	Feedback from ADES, BOSCH-SI, Flame/ECS, IBM, mendelson, n/software, OBAN, Oracle, Ponton, Seeburger, Drummond.
2017-07-30	PvdE	Feedback Axway, Chasquis Consulting, OpenText.
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