

The Public Review Process of Order-X is now launched

Have your say on the new standard for electronic orders for Germany and France!

The *Forum National de la Facture Electroniques et des Marchés Publics Electroniques* (FNFE-MPE) and the *Forum elektronische Rechnung Deutschland* (FeRD) invite you to participate in the Public Review of the new the common standard for electronic orders in Germany and France over the period of one month, ending on February 15, 2021.

Eschborn / Paris, January 15, 2021. The experts from FNFE-MPE and FeRD have been working closely to implement the results of the first Draft Public Review for Order-X, the new standard for electronic purchase orders. Order-X is the hybrid equivalent to the electronic invoice standard Factur-X / ZUGFeRD, allowing to process purchase orders electronically. Both Order-X and Factur-X are based on the same international data model of the United Nations "[UN / CEFAC Supply Chain Reference Data Model \(SCRDM\)](#)". The SCRDM forms the framework for cross-border business divisions, defining a single data model for all supply chain messages, from which they all originate, as well as the specific business rule requirements for each step in the overall supply chain process.

The e-Order with Order-X: Keystone and driving force of the digitized supply chain

Order-X is based on the Cross-Industry-Order (CIO) syntax from UN / CEFAC. The newly developed format for e-orders also benefits from being a hybrid format (i.e. a PDF with embedded XML file), which makes E-Ordering particularly suitable for small and medium-sized companies. Just like Factur-X / ZUGFeRD, Order-X provides the option of choosing from various profiles to process an order. The profiles available are Basic, Comfort and Extended, allowing to easily pitch a matching level of complexity depending on user capabilities and the needs of greater data integration or underlying process complexity.

The following messages of Order collaboration are supported:

- ORDER, sent by the Buyer to the Supplier.
- ORDER_RESPONSE, sent by the Supplier to the Buyer, to accept, reject or to propose changes. In case of the latter, confirmed by an ORDER CHANGE
- ORDER_CHANGE, sent by the Buyer to the Supplier.

Start of the Public Review

We invite interested experts, associations, companies and authorities to thoroughly scrutinise the Order-X documents we publish for this review. Please use the attached template to provide information regarding desirable modifications by February 15, 2021.

The following documents are provided in the ZIP-file (in English):

- 01 - Process specification Order-X
- 02 - PDF XMP Example for PDF-A/3 compliance on Order-X
- 03 - Profile descriptions (Excel) of the 3 profiles Basic, Comfort and Extended
- 04 - XSD, UML and Schematron description files for the 3 profiles Basic, Comfort and Extended
- 05 - Sample Order-X files for the different profiles
- 06 – Logo Order-X
- 00 - Template for review feedback

Please send your comments, proposals and suggestions regarding the Order-X documents in English on the template provided (Word file 00) to order-x@fnfe-mpe.org or order-x@ferd-net.de by February 15, 2021. The heads of the FeRD's Competence Center 3 "Standards, Formats & Integration", Dr. Bernd Wild and Rolf Wessel, and Cyrille Sautereau, Chair of the FNFE-MPE, look forward to receiving your feedback.