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## **E-invoicing for Order-to-Cash**

ISO 20022 Standard for Financial Services Messaging has been supported by an increasing number of financial institutions and payment services across the globe, including SWIFT. Corporates can use this new standard to integrate their receivables, payables, as well as other currency and treasury functions with their clients, vendors and banks.

With the recent endorsement of ISO 20022 by the EU, e-invoicing across Europe is moving mainstream, currently growing at the phenomenal annual rate of 40%. It is well known that by sending, receiving and actively managing professionally looking online invoices, corporations and government organizations can simplify payment

administration, support environment by eliminating paper, help to achieve painless audits and reduce overhead costs. Corporations that are able to improve their invoice administration and payment, as well as the management of their order-to-cash chain have a strong competitive advantage over those that still have not rationalized their complex international trading operations.

Invoice administration can ensure effective management of order-to-cash chain and working capital, saving up to 20% of foreign accounts receivable and payable. However, it is only viable as a comprehensive and sophisticated value-added service rather than a standalone function. It must include most advanced, fully featured online e-invoicing/e-finance platform with integrated transactional payment options, financing of receivables and protection of archives with PKI digital signatures necessary for government and tax audits. Integration of e-invoicing with the payment options can mitigate the uncertainty of payment timing and amounts and sustain cash liquidity and stronger balance sheet position – thus strengthening buyer-supplier relationships.

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