

## Invoice dematerialisation

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As of January 1, 2019, all suppliers issuing invoices to the public sector with the exception of micro-enterprises will be required to use dematerialised invoices. Agency for State Financial Information Technology (AIFE) developed an electronic invoicing tool, Chorus Pro, which is made available for suppliers.

The 26th of June 2014 order requires that invoices sent by suppliers to public sector structures be dematerialised. The purpose of this reform is to facilitate exchanges between the companies and the public sector. In fact, "dematerialisation offers a gain in profitability, adapts to the size of companies and enables high transparency in the tracking of invoices, which remain available for consultation for 10 years" says Luciana do Carmo Bernardi, head of deployment and support at the AIFE. She came to introduce the Chorus Pro tool to suppliers in the In Vitro Diagnostics sector, members of the GIE (Groupement d'Intérêt Economique) DiaGDirect and the SIDIV (Syndicat de l'industrie du diagnostic in vitro), on the 9th of October. This meeting was arranged by Pierrick Ollivier, President of GIE DiaGDirect, and Aurélia Delaine, Operations Manager of GIE DiaGDirect.

For public sector invoice issuers, the implementation schedule for this obligation is progressive. Already compulsory for companies with more than 250 employees, dematerialisation will become mandatory for SMEs with 10 to 250 employees on January 1, 2019 and for microenterprises (less than 10 employees) on January 1, 2020.

A mutualised solution, Chorus Pro, for filing, receiving and transmitting electronic invoices is made available free of charge to suppliers by the AIFE (Agence pour l'Informatique Financière de l'Etat). "This tool is the only one approved by the regulations for the transmission of dematerialised invoices", emphasises the AIFE representative. There are three main access modes to Chorus Pro.

- The portal mode allows you to submit or input invoices directly.
- The Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) mode enables the exchange of standardised data flows between an external information system and Chorus Pro.
- The service mode operates via programming interfaces (API: Application Programmable Interface). This mode enables partners to integrate the functionalities offered by Chorus Pro into their own information system.

A mutualised portal is made available to users. A virtual assistant answers the main queries and, to go one step further, webinars (7 sessions per month) are animated by AIFE experts. Free of charge, 1h30 long, they can welcome up to 500 participants.

