



EU standard procurement forms: "rights" and "wrongs" disclosed

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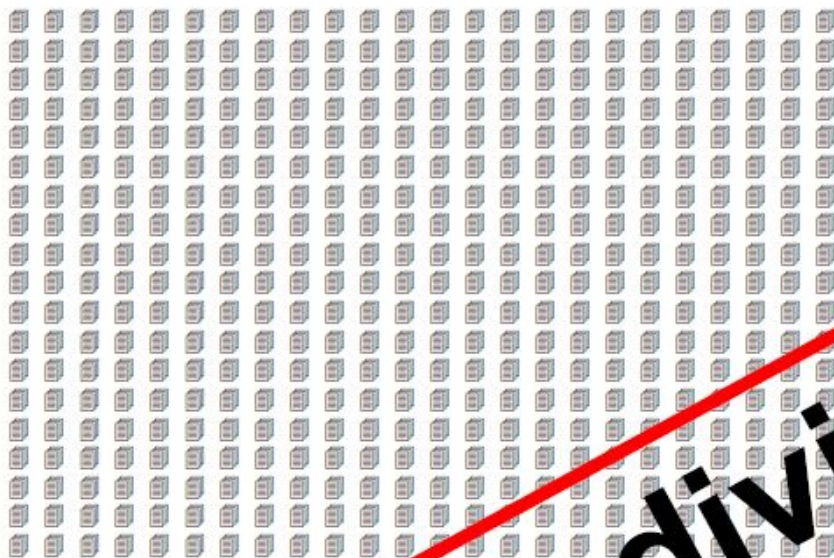


Why standards matter?

- Define quality (data types, definitions, etc.)
- Comparability of data
- Relevance (only for business, or also for policy?)
- Standards ecosystem
 - Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) influence → EU standard forms
 - National standards



Regulation 842/2011
"Old" standard forms



Regulation 1986/2015
"New" standard forms



456 individual forms

528 individual forms

984 individual forms



Main "rights" of the new forms

- Designed to be used only electronically
- More logical layout
- Harmonisation between forms
- More uniform terminology
- Some 20% less labels serving bigger number of forms
- Some 40% of fields made mandatory for improving data quality
- Simplified XML structure



TED schema on Metadata Registry

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TED schemas

The Publications Office of the EU is the official publisher of the public procurement notices above the European thresholds. It publishes these notices on the TED website. In order to publish the notices on TED the Publications Office uses 3 schema:

- Reception: TED eSenders XML schema
- Internal: Schema used internally by the Publications Office
- Publication: The XML schema that public procurement notices are published in on the TED Website

These 3 schema are available below with the appropriate name. Under "specific version beta" you will find the next planned update of the 3 schemas (for testing purposes) or if no update is planned the last beta version that existed.

XML schema R2.0.9	XML schema R2.0.8
<p>XML schema 2.0.9 is compliant with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement and repealing Directive 2004/18/EC;• Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors and repealing Directive 2004/17/EC;• Directive 2014/23/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the award of concession contracts. <p>Schema to be used upon national transposition of the above mentioned directives. Note schema 2.0.8. should be used for forms 16, 17, 18, 19 and T01, T02</p>	<p>XML schema 2.0.8 is compliant with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Directive 2009/81/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of procedures for the award of certain works contracts, supply contracts and service contracts by contracting authorities or entities in the fields of defence and security, and amending Directives 2004/17/EC and 2004/18/EC (Forms 16, 17, 18, 19);• Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 on public passenger transport services by rail and by road and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) Nos 1191/69 and 1107/70 (Forms T01, T02);• Directive 2004/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on public procurement;• Directive 2004/17/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors.
Reception: TED eSenders XML schema and schematron	Reception: TED eSenders XML schema and schematron
Internal Schema	Internal Schema
Publication Schema	Publication Schema
Specific version (beta)	Specific version (beta)
Documentation	
Form labels R2.0.9 (zip)	Form labels R2.0.8 (zip)
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The [Exchange Specification](#) otherwise known as the ADMIN XSD is the specification of the XML message file used in the TED production workflow



Main changes from R2.0.8 to R2.0.9

- R2.0.8 has XML structure very close to the PDF form presentation
- R2.0.9 has XML structure which is more data-oriented
- With R2.0.9, a Schematron validation step (XSLT) has been added to the schema (XSD) validation



Simplification: an illustrative example

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses ¹ *(please identify all cc*

Official name:

■ In R2.0.8

```
<CONTRACT_AWARD ...>
  <FD_CONTRACT_AWARD CTYPE="WORKS">
    <CONTRACTING_AUTHORITY_INFORMATION_CONTRACT_AWARD>
      <NAME_ADDRESSES_CONTACT_CONTRACT_AWARD>
        <CA_CE_CONCESSIONAIRE_PROFILE>
          <ORGANISATION>
            <OFFICIALNAME>string</OFFICIALNAME>
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■ In R2.0.9

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  <CONTRACTING_BODY>
    <ADDRESS_CONTRACTING_BODY>
      <OFFICIALNAME>string</OFFICIALNAME>
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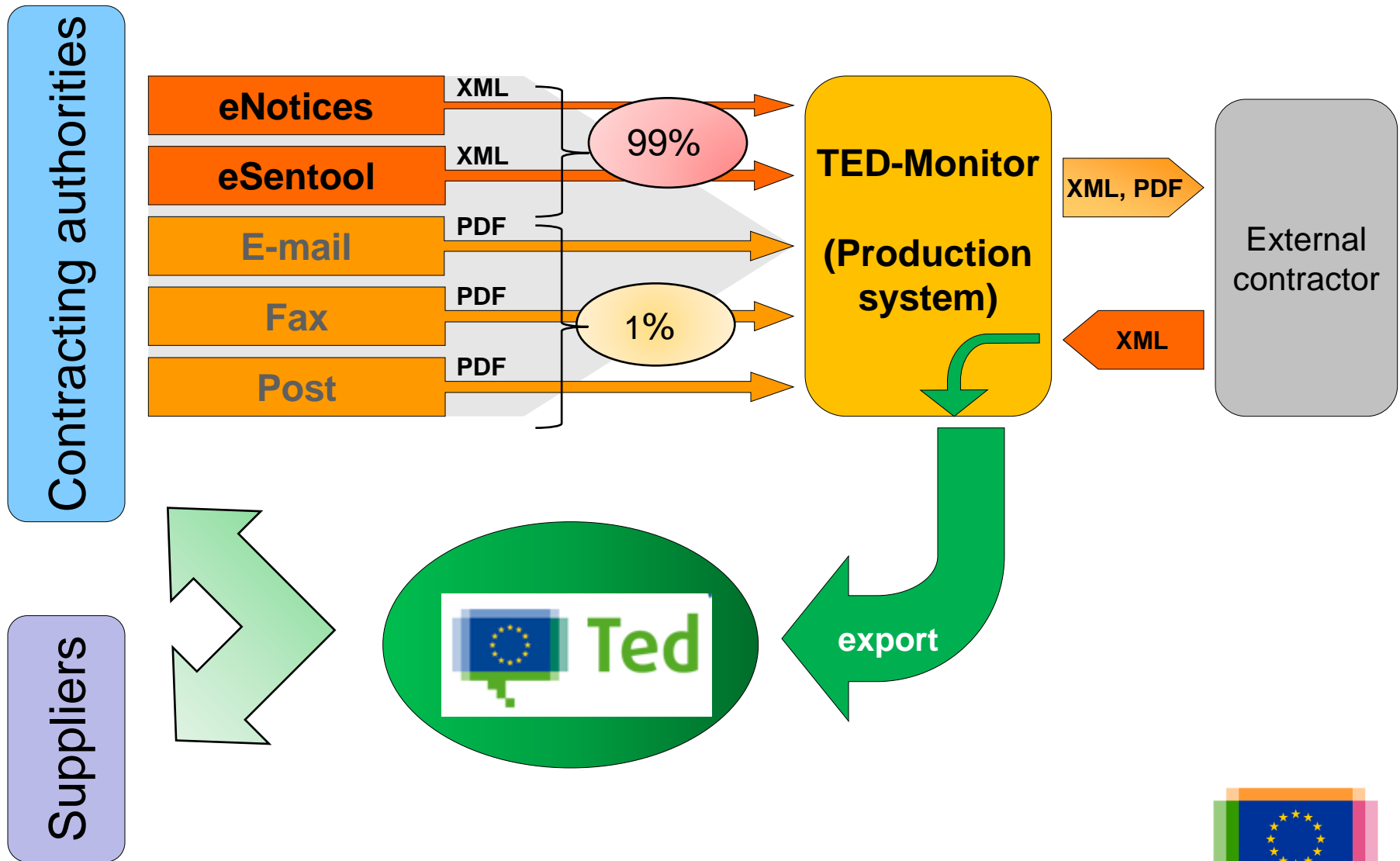


Remaining issues

- Probably too many forms (SF14 vs SF20, Directive 24 forms used also for utilities)
- Data has quality issues (typos, omissions, mix-ups)
- Clearly define mandatory information (e.g. total value in contract award notice)



How are procurement notices processed at OP?



Challenges and projects

■ Challenges

- Meet stakeholders' expectations and needs (policy makers, Member States, economic operators)
- Quality control vs. production constraints
- Legal basis vs. transparency

■ Projects

- New application for reception of notices
- Establishment of data model
- Standardisation activities and promotion of interoperability



Thank you!

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