

Press Release

The new release of Factur-X/ZUGFeRD

Update of the hybrid e-invoice format for businesses in France and Germany

Eschborn | Paris, 04.12.2025. As part of our ongoing efforts to provide an electronic invoice format tailored to the different needs of businesses, regardless of their size and sector of activity, the team of French and German volunteering specialists of the Forum for Electronic Invoicing Germany (FeRD) and the French National Forum for Electronic Invoicing and Market Places & Public Electronic procurement (FNFE-MPE) have been working together to update the FacturX / ZUGFeRD hybrid e-invoice format. This fully aligned version of Factur-X 1.08 / ZUGFeRD 2.4 which is compliant with the European Norm EN16931, has now been updated following the biannual update of EN16931, but also with the addition of sub-line management, which allows for the management of subtotal lines or invoice lines for kits, bundles, or composite items, which are necessary for the implementation of electronic invoicing reforms in both France and Germany.

This hybrid e-invoicing format is very popular amongst small and medium sized businesses particularly because it offers the option of being both machine and human readable, with a readable representation generated by the seller and compliant with the practices and customs of each sector. Technically, both Factur-X and ZUGFeRD are identical. Both allow the use of reference profiles, such as XRECHNUNG for Germany, and EXTENDED-CTC-FR for France, which is a subset of EXTENDED profile.

Factur-X is one of the three mandatory formats for receipt in France, as described in the AFNOR XP-Z12-012 standard, which is widely implemented for SMEs and microbusinesses, but also whenever a readable representation adapted to the needs of businesses is required.

In Germany, electronic invoicing between companies has been mandatory since January 1, 2025, and ZUGFeRD is one of the officially approved formats.

Alongside the update of the hybrid formats, we have taken the opportunity to make some amendments to the specification to take into account the preparatory work for electronic invoicing reform in France carried out by the Tax Administration and the AFNOR Electronic Invoicing Commission, as well as certain fiscal aspects raised by the German Federal Ministry of Finance in their recent statement of October 15th 2025.

This version is based on UN/CEFACT CII D22B and fully backward compatible with D16B. Each of the five profiles have their own xsd and schematron, which will be updated in accordance with the EN16931 validation artefact. It will come into force on January 15th, 2026.

Free download of Factur-X 1.08 / ZUGFeRD 2.4

The Factur-X/ZUGFeRD standard is a hybrid electronic invoice format that consists of two components: a PDF and an embedded XML file. The PDF file represents the visual part of the invoice and is therefore readable by humans. The XML file contains structured invoice data, allowing the automated processing by machines. The format contains different profiles allowing to match the varied requirements regarding invoice data of both sender and recipient.

You can download it free of charge here:

- ⇒ Factur-X 1.08: www.fnfe-mpe.org/factur-x/
- ⇒ ZUGFeRD 2.4: www.ferd-net.de/ZUGFeRD-Download

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About FeRD

The *Forum for Electronic Invoicing Germany* (FeRD) was founded on 31st March 2010 in Berlin with the participation of various federal and state ministries, the Federal Chancellery (Secretariat of the National Standards Monitoring Council, Bureaucracy Reduction Office) as well as the central associations of the economy, some professional associations under the umbrella of the AWV – Arbeitsgemeinschaft für wirtschaftliche Verwaltung e.V. (Working Group for Economic Administration), which is funded by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy based on a resolution of the German Bundestag. The Forum for Electronic Invoicing in Germany (FeRD) is the partner for all topics related to electronic business processes. It advises market players from public administration, business, and associations, as well as consumers, and promotes national and international cooperation, in particular by issuing or maintaining standards for the electronic exchange of documents. www.ferd-net.de

About FNFE-MPE

The French *National Forum for Electronic Invoicing and Public Electronic Procurement* (FNFE-MPE) was founded in January 2012 and has been an association since April 2016. Its task is to enable extensive consultations between actors in the public and private sector in France, relating to the provision of electronic invoices and public electronic procurement, and to promote cooperation with national forums in other EU member states. In this context, the FNFE-MPE develops proposals for the definition of ordinances, state programs and funding. The forum works in cooperation with the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and participates in the standardization work of EN 16931, as well as in the implementation of the hybrid invoice standard Factur-X/ ZUGFeRD. The FNFE-MPE is also Chair of the AFNOR Standardization Commission for Electronic Invoicing in France. The FNFE-MPE consists of more than 280 members, companies, associations, industry representatives, professional associations, service providers, software manufacturers, experts and consultants. It fosters and promotes the adoption of standards and best practices for the provisioning of electronic invoices in companies of all sizes and sectors. www.fnfe-mpe.org