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- CWA 17027-103 Profile BII22 Advanced Call for Tenders
- CWA 17027-104 Profile BII34 Advanced Call for Tenders with Pre-award Catalogue Request
- CWA 17027-105 Profile BII35 Advanced Tendering with Pre-award Catalogue
- CWA 17027-106 Profile BII37 Open Procedure
- CWA 17027-107 Profile BII38 Advanced Invitation to Tender
- CWA 17027-108 Profile BII39 Restricted Procedure

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 CWA 17027-112 Profile BII47 Call for Tenders  
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 CWA 17027-114 Profile BII49 Qualification  
 CWA 17027-115 Profile BII50 Tender Clarification  
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*Transaction syntax implementation guidelines (UBL):*

CWA 17027-201 UBL Syntax Implementation Guideline for Trdm040 Advanced Call for Tenders  
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## Introduction

The first CEN BII Workshop was established in May 2007 with the objective of harmonising electronic procurement in Europe. The CEN BII initiative, which now comprises a further two CEN Workshops, is a standardisation activity within CEN (European Committee for Standardisation). It provides a framework for interoperability in pan-European electronic transactions expressed as a set of technical specifications.

During the second phase of the initiative (CEN WS/BII 2) a set of technical specifications – “CEN BII Profiles” – were documented and published as five CEN Workshop Agreements (CWAs), which are currently used across Europe. The profiles are designed to facilitate effective public e-procurement based on a modular approach for implementation, with a focus on global interoperability.

The CEN BII profiles can be seen as “agreements” on message contents and business processes. The profile descriptions focus on core information elements that typically cater to the majority of user requirements applicable across Europe and lower the need for detailed bilateral agreements between the trading partners.

In its third phase (CEN WS/BII 3), which began in March 2013 with the approval of the business plan, the Workshop has focused on ensuring that all relevant aspects of e-procurement are covered, including additional business requirements coming from the new Public Procurement Directives<sup>2</sup> and alignment to other standardization efforts in the area of electronic invoicing, as well as ensuring wider recognition and adoption of its deliverables.

More information about the CEN BII initiative can be found on [www.cenbii.eu](http://www.cenbii.eu).

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<sup>2</sup> Directive 2014/24/EU on public procurement – replaces Directive 2004/18/EC (“classic Directive”), Directive 2014/25/EU on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors – replaces Directive 2004/17/EC (“utilities Directive”), and Directive 2014/23/EU on the award of concession contracts (new)

## 1 Scope

### 1.1 Introduction

Profile BII59 Contracting describes electronic messaging support for the business process of concluding a contract between a contracting body and a particular economic operator. The economic operator has been awarded a contract in a tendering procedure and fulfilled his obligations (e.g., by sending a Virtual Company Dossier to the contracting body). A draft contract is sent to the economic operator, who is to sign and return it. The contracting body, on its turn, signs the contract and sends the signed contract to the economic operator.

This profile is identified in the transactions by the ProfileID

urn:www.cenbii.eu:profile:bii59:ver3.0

### 1.2 Goals

The main business benefits to be gained by implementing this profile are:

ID	Description
G59-001	The profile enables trading partners to communicate without a previous bi-lateral setup or agreements.
G59-002	This profile aims at streamlining the supply chain, allowing buyers and suppliers to finalize the contract.
G59-003	This profile allows buyers and suppliers to do better contract management.
G59-004	This profile enables the buyer to order only from within the contract, therefore minimizing maverick buying.
G59-005	This profile enables buyer and supplier to utilize framework contract to the full extend.
G59-006	This profile enable the buyer to learn from a contract concluded in the past, therefore to better sourcing before concluding a new contract.

### 1.3 Business environment

#### 1.3.1 Introduction

The intended scope for this profile includes public procurement, but the profile may also be used in Business to Business (B2B) relations.

This profile is intended to support transmission of electronic documents for processing in (semi-)automated processes. The legal requirements that were taken into account are requirements from European legislation, in particular the EU directives, mentioned in section 5 of this profile.

The transactions, specified in this profile are intended to be exchanged between the tendering systems of economic operators and contracting bodies. This means that it is expected that the parties have connected their systems to the internet, and that they have middleware in place to enable them to send and receive the transactions in a secure way, using an agreed syntax.

The content model of the transactions can also be used in procurement platforms or portals, so that these platforms as well as procurement systems of economic operators and contracting bodies are based on the same information and process models, which makes them more interoperable. Even if platforms are not technically interoperable, the content model facilitates understanding the tendering documents and to participate in the tendering process.