# NorStella – a brief presentation

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NorStella is a not-for-profit foundation with the overall vision to contribute to better-, increased- and simpler digital interaction between the public- and private sector. NorStella is financed by membership fees and income from projects such as research activities, conferences, and workshops, as well as some operational activities such as the continuous administration of identifiers for digital customs clearance. Early activities in NorStella involved EDI and the original name was “Norwegian EDIPRO”. In this context, NorStella has been a contributor to standardisation activities such as ebXML.

**Facilitating competence and industry networking**
The major task for NorStella is to facilitate competence and industry networking and there are currently seven active networking groups:

* Digital interaction, focussing on the relationship between the government and private enterprises in general.
* Digital executives, which is a forum for increased digitalisation.
* Digital municipalities and smart cities.
* Transport and logistics.
* Nordic Operator Forum for standardisation and related activities in e-commerce and e-invoicing.
* eID forum, where actors in the Norwegian electronic identity and trust services business meet with relevant actors from the public sector.
* NorStella Oxalis Community (NOC) – is a new community that NorStella facilitates to keep the Oxalis code compliant with the Peppol standard.

**Developing the ecommerce standards in Norway**
NorStella has been instrumental in the development of standards for electronic commerce in Norway, particularly in the standardisation of ecommerce messaging such as invoicing, customs clearance and transport related messaging. The ShortSeaXML project in shipping is one example. The Semicolon project on digital interaction in the public sector provided the foundation for much of the later work on digitalisation in Norway.

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