The Procure to Pay automation success checklist

This checklist provides a clear, actionable roadmap to guide your P2P automation journey, from aligning stakeholders and optimising workflows to selecting the right technology and measuring success.

1. ORGANISATION: Lay the groundwork

- **Clear alignment**: Ensure P2P objectives are unified across procurement, finance, and executive leadership.
- **Stakeholder buy-In**: Secure strong executive sponsorship to champion automation goals.
- Change management plan: Create a roadmap for a seamless transition, addressing potential resistance.

2. PROCESSES: Streamline and optimise

- **Standardisation**: Audit current workflows and identify redundant or inefficient steps.
- Automation goals: Identify high-impact areas like invoice matching, payment scheduling, and approval cycles for automation.
- Global compliance: Evaluate readiness for regulatory mandates like e-Invoicing and VAT compliance across regions.

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3. STRATEGIES: Set a vision for transformation

- End-state vision: Define what success looks like for your organisation (e.g., cost reduction, efficiency gains).
- Phased rollout: Plan incremental implementation for early wins and manageable adoption.
- **Supplier engagement**: Design programs to onboard and train suppliers effectively.

4. TECHNOLOGY: Choose the right tools

- Integration compatibility: Ensure seamless connections to ERP, CRM, and other systems.
- Al and automation: Leverage intelligent automation for tasks like data entry and invoice processing.
- Cloud and scalability: Adopt adaptable, cloud-based solutions to grow with your business needs.
- **User-friendly design**: Choose intuitive interfaces to maximise adoption and minimise training time.



5. PERFORMANCE: Measure and improve



KPI tracking: Monitor metrics such as cycle times, compliance rates, and user satisfaction.

Continuous improvement: Regularly review and optimise processes based on performance data.

Celebrate wins: Share successes to maintain momentum and organisational alignment.

Key metrics to monitor

Operational metrics: Cycle times, error rates, and processing costs.

Financial metrics: Cost savings from early payment discounts and reduced manual interventions.

Supplier metrics: Onboarding success, compliance rates, and satisfaction scores.

Scalability metrics: Capacity to handle increasing transactions without additional resources.

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About Tradeshift Procure to Pay

Tradeshift Procure to Pay helps mid-market organisations unify and streamline their Procurement and AP processes. Its app-based platform automates every step, from requisitions to payment approvals, reducing manual work and providing real-time insights.

Powered by AI, Tradeshift accelerates invoice processing, ensures accurate purchase order matching, and supports global e-Invoicing compliance across 70 countries.

With over 3 million hours of manual work saved for customers last year, Tradeshift enables teams to focus on what matters most while scaling to meet your needs.

