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The party module defines the concepts of party, identifier, category and contact mechanism. It also comes with reports to print labels and letters and a Check VIES wizard.
A party can be a person, a company or any organisation that one want to consider as the same entity. A party is defined by a name, a code, a language, identifiers, categories, contact mechanisms and a list of addresses.

Two reports are available:

• The *Labels* report creates a document with the names and addresses of all selected parties which are preformatted to be printed on labels that can be stuck on an envelope.

• The *Letter* report create a document pre-filled with the company header, the address of the recipient, a date, a greeting, an ending and the signature of the current reader.

The *Check VIES* wizard allow to check the European VAT number identifier of parties with the VIES web service.
An address is made of a name, a street, a zip number, a city, a country, a subdivision. A sequence allow to order them. The field Full Address returns the formatted address included the name of the party if the context has address_with_party set to True and without the country if the context key address_from_country is the same as the country of the address.
CHAPTER 3

Address Format

It allows to define per country and language, how addresses should be formatted.
A contact mechanism is made of a type, value and comment. Type can be *Phone*, *Mobile*, *Fax*, *E-Mail*, *Website*, *Skype*, *SIP*, *IRC*, *Jabber* or *Other*. 
A Category is just composed of a name, thus constituting tags that can be associated to parties. Categories are organised in a tree structure.