



Press Release

Call for Participation – The European Payments Council Announces Stakeholders Workshop Dedicated to Person-to-Person Mobile Payments

5 October 2015 – Brussels: The European Payments Council (EPC) today announced that it is hosting a stakeholders workshop focused on Person-to-Person (P2P) mobile payments on 10 December. Payment stakeholders (such as payment service providers, technical solution providers, and also end-user representatives) wishing to participate are encouraged to register their interest. This event aims to facilitate the cooperation of existing and future P2P mobile payment solutions, in order to ensure their interoperability on a pan-European level. This workshop is organised by the EPC, following a request from the Euro Retail Payments Board (ERPB)¹ as part of its agenda on P2P mobile payments.

The EPC is organising a workshop on P2P mobile payments in a context of growing interest in the European payment industry with more than 50 coexisting local solutions. This workshop aims to facilitate the cooperation of existing and future P2P mobile payment solutions, in order to ensure their interoperability on a pan-European level. It follows the ERPB's recommendations on P2P mobile payments.

The workshop will cover the following topics:

- The development of a set of rules and standards enabling pan-European mobile payment services.
- The governance structure responsible for the management of this set of rules.
- The creation of a harmonised method allowing P2P mobile payment data to be exchanged among P2P solutions (i.e., a 'Standardised Proxy Lookup service'), so that any user can potentially reach any other user in Europe.
- Current and forthcoming data protection regulation which could affect interoperable P2P mobile payment solutions.

Payment stakeholders, on the supply (including, amongst others, payment services providers and technical players) as well as on the demand side (consumers organisations for instance), are invited to participate in this free of charge workshop, which will take place on 10 December in Brussels. Interested parties can register their interest by sending an email to p2pmobile@epc-cep.eu by 30 October 2015, including a brief description of their relevant interest. The EPC will get back to all interested parties with the venue details and agenda of the workshop.

¹ The ERBP - chaired by the European Central Bank - is a multi-stakeholder body whose objective is to contribute to and facilitate the further development of an integrated, innovative and competitive market for euro retail payments in the European Union.



For more information on the workshop, please visit [EPC website](#).

Email contact to register attendance at the P2P mobile payment workshop (by 30 October 2015):
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About the European Payments Council:

The European Payments Council (EPC), representing payment service providers, supports and promotes European payments integration and development, notably the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA). The EPC is committed to contribute to safe, reliable, efficient, convenient, economically balanced and sustainable payments, which meet the needs of payment service users and support the goals of competitiveness and innovation in an integrated European economy. It pursues this purpose through the development and management of pan-European payment schemes and the formulation of positions and proposals on European payment issues in constant dialogue with other stakeholders and regulators at the European level and taking a strategic and holistic perspective. The primary task of the EPC is to manage the SEPA Credit Transfer and SEPA Direct Debit Schemes in close dialogue with all stakeholders. The EPC is an international not-for-profit association which makes all of its deliverables available to download free of charge on the EPC Website. For further information please contact secretariat@ecp-cep.eu or visit www.ecp-cep.eu.

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