The German Payment Landscape
at a glance

Number of cashless transactions per capita/per year

Did you know?

- With the population of 82.5 million, Germany has the biggest GDP (€ 3,144 Billion -2016) in Europe.
- Germany has the largest number in Europe of Institutions offering payment services to non-MFIs (Monetary and Financial Institutions (1,756)).
- In the year 2016, Germany’s total number of payment transactions increased by 8.1%.
- The most important payment services in Germany are: Direct Debits, around 50% and Credit transfers, about 30%.
- The average amount of cash (€ 103) in the wallet that Germans carry is significantly bigger than in other Eurozone countries (€ 65).

Distribution of cashless payments