1 EPC Scheme Technical Forum Composition

The EPC Scheme Technical Forum (ESTF) will consist of:

a. Up to five EPC Scheme Evolution and Maintenance Working Group (SEMWG) members including its Chair as defined in section 4.4 of the Scheme Management Internal Rules (EPC207-14); 

b. Up to eight representatives of Clearing and Settlement Mechanisms (CSMs) that have declared themselves to be a SEPA scheme-compliant CSM by means of the standard disclosure letter which has been published on the EPC website (Letter EPC204-16); 

c. Up to two representatives from major technical players active in multiple SEPA countries or from European associations of technical players that have declared themselves to offer messaging services to SEPA scheme-compliant CSMs by means of the standard disclosure letter which has been published on the EPC website (Letter EPC208-16) and are not already CSMs under 1b; 

d. Up to 15 representatives from other major technical players active in multiple SEPA countries or from European associations of technical players that provide services and products that enable the processing of SCT, SCT Inst and/or SDD transactions or offer value-added SCT, SCT Inst and/or SDD services in the interbank, the customer-to-bank or in the bank-to-customer space.

The EPC Scheme Management Board (SMB) shall have complete discretion in deciding on the final composition.

2 Criteria for Membership of the EPC Scheme Technical Forum

A member of the ESTF must be experienced in the technical and operational aspects of processing credit transfers, instant payments and direct debits, supported by knowledge of payment scheme content and related technical documentation. They must hold senior management positions with the ability and mandate to properly represent their organisations and in the case of association representatives, have a mandate from their association.

In addition, a member of the ESTF must be fluent in English, with – in particular – the capability to understand complex documents and the ability to express views during meetings.

3 Co-Chairing model of the EPC Scheme Technical Forum

A co-chairing model will be adopted with the SEMWG Chair taking up the role as EPC Co-Chair and a second Co-Chair to be elected by and amongst the ESTF members described under 1b to 1d above.

4 Expenses

In the course of carrying out the mandate as a member of the ESTF, each member is expected to cover his/her own costs. There will be no participation fee or remuneration.