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Rita Camporeale appointed as Vice-Chair of the European Payments Council

Brussels, 16 December 2021 – the General Assembly of the European Payments Council (EPC), a representative body of European payment service providers, has elected Rita Camporeale as its Vice-Chair. Ms. Camporeale’s mandate takes effect immediately and will run until mid-December 2022 – a period in which important changes are expected in the payments industry.

Working for both central and private sector banks over the years, Ms. Camporeale has accumulated broad and diverse expertise in payments. At the beginning of Monetary Union, she spent years working at the European Monetary Institute and the European Central Bank (ECB). Her main responsibilities in the Payment System Policy Division included policy and oversight of payment instruments, multi-currency systems and large-value euro and retail systems. In this role, Ms. Camporeale was often called on to share her expertise at European Union (EU) and G-10 central banking fora, as well as ECB contact groups with the market. Ms. Camporeale went on to join the Italian Banking Association as Head of Payment Systems, representing Italian banks in various fora at the national and international level, including at the European Banking Federation, where she currently chairs the Payment Systems Committee. She has been contributing to EPC activities since its inception and has been sitting on the Board of EPC since 2015.

This election followed the decision of outgoing Vice-Chair, Narinda You – Head of Strategy and Market Practice at Crédit Agricole Payment Services – to go into retirement. The EPC is deeply grateful to Narinda You and warmly thanks her for her most valuable contribution in representing Crédit Agricole at the EPC over the last 16 years and serving as the EPC’s Vice-Chair for 7 years.

Javier Santamaría, Chair of the EPC commented: “Rita Camporeale’s new mandate begins at a critical juncture for European payments and the EPC. On the horizon, there is the expected further growth and usage of the SCT Inst scheme, the first take-up for the SEPA Request-to-Pay (SRTP) scheme, and other novel initiatives such as the development of the SEPA Payment Account Access scheme.

Let me finally express my profound gratitude to Narinda You for her pivotal role in the development of the EPC and of SEPA more generally.”

Narinda You, outgoing Vice-Chair of the EPC, stated that “At the beginning, the EPC was a coalition of the willing. Now, it is an established, recognised body, able via consensus to bring harmonised rules and standards to the market.

But the EPC is also a fellowship characterised by mutual respect, openness of discussion and a real sense of cooperation in standardisation.”



Rita Camporeale, new Vice-Chair of the EPC, added: “I feel very honoured by my election as the new Vice-Chair of the EPC. I am looking forward to smooth collaboration with Javier Santamaría, with the common aim of helping the EPC continue to meet evolving market needs for harmonised and innovative payments in Europe”.



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