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Renewal of the European Payments Council's Chair and Vice-Chair mandates

Brussels, 20 December 2022 – the General Assembly of the European Payments Council (EPC), a representative body of European payment service providers, has renewed Javier Santamaría as its Chair and Rita Camporeale as its Vice-Chair. Their mandates take effect immediately and will run for the next two years – a period in which exciting changes are expected in the European payments industry.

Javier Santamaría has chaired the EPC since June 2012 and has been actively involved in the EPC since its creation in 2002. In several decades in the banking world, Mr Santamaría has accumulated broad and balanced expertise in the intertwined dimensions of payments-business-related, operational, technical-across different client segments and product lines, in the legacy and the innovative spheres. He now builds on those skills as an independent professional. Besides payments, he is interested in other banking fields and continues to be engaged actively in academic matters.

“I am honoured to be re-elected as Chair of the EPC and hence be a part of an organisation that significantly contributes to the building of the future of payments in Europe in a fast-changing environment, based on broad stakeholder involvement,” declared Javier Santamaría upon his re-election.

Rita Camporeale represents Italian banks in various fora at national and European levels, and in various European Banking Federation (EBF), EPC, and Euro Retail Payments Board (ERPB) working groups. Since January 2021 she has been Chair of the EBF Payment Expert Group. Rita has been sitting on the Board of EPC since 2015 and contributing to its activities since its inception and has vice-chaired the EPC since December 2021. She added “I look forward to working further with Javier Santamaría to help the EPC and its members meet the challenges of the next two years.”

The forthcoming two years of the Chair's and Vice-Chair's new mandates promise to be challenging, with the expected further growth of the SEPA Instant Credit Transfer (SCT Inst) scheme, coupled with the development of the new SEPA Payment Account Access (SPAA) scheme, the anticipated take-off of the SEPA Request-to-Pay (SRTP) and the launch of new activities, in the context of likely new European payment-related regulatory initiatives.



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The European Payments Council (EPC), an international not-for-profit association, 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 and payment-related 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 SEPA schemes such as the SEPA Credit Transfer, SEPA Direct Debit, SEPA Proxy Lookup, SEPA Request-to-Pay and SEPA Payment Account Access schemes, in close dialogue with all stakeholders. The EPC is also active in the fields of cards, mobile payments, including Person-to-Person, payment security and cash.