

DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

"SEPA: An opportunity for Europe" – Role of the public sector

Wednesday 8 May 2007 at 8.30–17.30

European Commission, Charlemagne building (room S3)
170 rue de la Loi, 1000 Brussels

The conference will be held in English and translation in French and German will be available.

WELCOME & OPENING ADDRESS

8.30 Registration & morning coffee

9.15 Welcome & opening remarks from the Chair

Jörgen Holmquist, Director General, Internal Market and Services DG, European Commission

9.30 Keynote address: "Importance of SEPA for Europe"

Charlie McCreedy, Commissioner, European Commission

10.00 Coffee break

HIGH LEVEL PANELS

10.30 Opening debate: SEPA implementation in the public sector

Chair: *Gerard Hartsink*, Chairman of the European Payments Council (EPC)

Discussion: SEPA planning and implementation projects at national level in close collaboration with public administrations, central banks, banking communities and other stakeholders.

Panellists: **4 panellists** (representatives of the national SEPA implementation committees)

11.30 Opening debate: Relevance of SEPA for the public sector

Chair: *David Deacon*, Head of Unit, Retail Issues, Consumer Policy and Payment Systems, Internal Market and Services DG, European Commission

Discussion: eGovernment - Cost and benefits for the public administrations from an early adoption of SEPA payment services starting in 2008

Panellists: **4 panellists** (to be confirmed)

12.30 Lunch

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS (A & B)

14.00–15.45

Break-out sessions in two parallel streams – Group A and Group B

GROUP A

14.00–14.45 Session A(1): Centre of Excellence – Case studies about successful implementation of modern electronic payment systems in the public sector

Chair: NN (public administration representative)

Panellists: **3 panellists** (to be confirmed)

15.00–15.45 Session A(2): Practitioners presentation of banks SEPA offerings, Addressing the needs of public administrations.

Chair: NN (European Central Bank)

Panellists: **3 panellists** (to be confirmed)

GROUP B

14.00–14.45 Session B(1): SEPA payment instruments, and introduction, benefits and efficiencies.

Chair: NN (European Payments Council)

Presentations:

SEPA credit transfer

Marc Hale, Chairman EPC credit transfer WG (to be confirmed)

SEPA direct debit

Christian Westerhaus, Chairman EPC direct debit WG (to be confirmed)

SEPA card payments

Claude Brun, Chairman EPC cards WG (to be confirmed)

15.00–15.45 Session B(2): Mobilise a SEPA project and budget in your organisation for implementation of SEPA services. Assessment of the practical steps needed to adopt the SEPA payment instruments in public administrations.

Chair: Charles Bryant, Secretary General, European Payments Council

Panellists: **4 panellists** (to be confirmed)

15.45 Afternoon coffee

FINAL SESSION

16.00 Wrap-up session: Conclusions, challenges and opportunities

Chair: *EC*

Discussion: Actions needed for implementation in public administrations.

Panellists: chairs of the different working groups

16.45 Closing address: "Making SEPA a reality"

Gertrude Tumpel-Gugerell, Board Member, European Central Bank (ECB)