

# Comunicato Stampa

DIFFUSO A CURA DEL SERVIZIO SEGRETERIA PARTICOLARE DEL DIRETTORIO E COMUNICAZIONE

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On 17 February the first meeting of the “Italian Payments Committee - IPC” took place at the premises of the Bank of Italy. The IPC is a cooperation forum whose main objective is to foster the development of a secure, innovative and competitive market for private and public payments in Italy, able to reply to global challenges and to meet users’ needs (enterprises, households and public administrations). This new Committee will play a role of point of contact vis-à-vis other national and European committees/fora where the Bank of Italy and other IPC members provide contributions on key issues for the payments industry.

The IPC is chaired by the Bank of Italy; its members are representatives of the supply and demand side of the market (representatives of the banking community, payment institutions, retailers and consumers), payment service providers (banks, post office, payment institutions), critical technical service providers and the Public Administration.

During the meeting participants shared the IPC objectives and work procedures to be followed such as: analysis of retail payments evolution and main issues at stake; exchange of information on guidelines, global and sectorial best practices and widely used payment standards. To be ready for the second phase of the migration to SEPA - which calls for further tasks to be completed by February 2016 - a number of activities have been identified related to: i) the migration of the so called “niche products” (in Italy financial and fix-amount direct debits); ii) the adoption by enterprises of the standard message ISO 200022; iii) the prohibition to ask for the BIC of the beneficiary PSP. In order to perform these activities, specific initiatives to be taken and the approach to be followed have been identified.

In performing its role as leader and coordinator of the IPC initiatives, Banca d'Italia will act as facilitator of the cooperation of different interests at play, while ensuring the overall consistency between the guidelines elaborated at the European and national level.