

Changing landscape of payments in Latvia

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Who can provide payment services in Latvia?

Banks

Credit unions

Payment institutions

Electronic money institutions

Payment service providers from other EU countries under passporting regime

Instant payments = a new normal



Latvia - the 1st country in the eurozone to process instant payments in line with the SCT Inst scheme



25% of all interbank SCTs in Latvia (2,83% in eurozone)



Average speed – 0.4 sec



7 million transactions



1.5 billion EUR

PSD2 - regulatory revolution in EU

Open banking

- All banks have provided API based on Berlin Group standard
- Large retail banks have sandboxes for developers

New services

- Payment initiation service
- Account information service

Two factor customer authentication

- Something the customer knows
- Something that customer has
- Something the customer is