



CEMLA - Meeting of Heads of FMIs

Session 4
Fast payments
Towards a new normal?
Advantages and challenges

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#### **Globally**

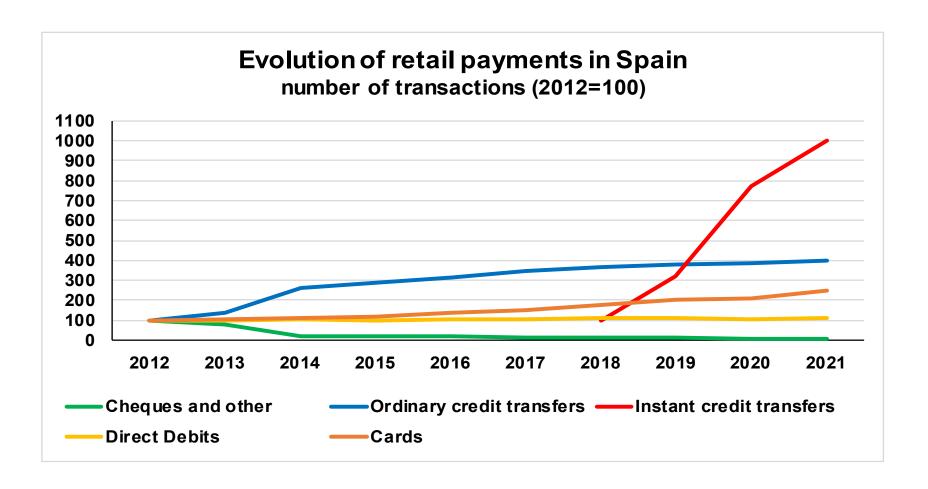
- ✓ **Digitalisation**, changing consumer **habits** and **legislative** action are profoundly changing retail payments
- ✓ Growing interest from **BigTechs** in the payments market beyond mere providers of front-end solutions

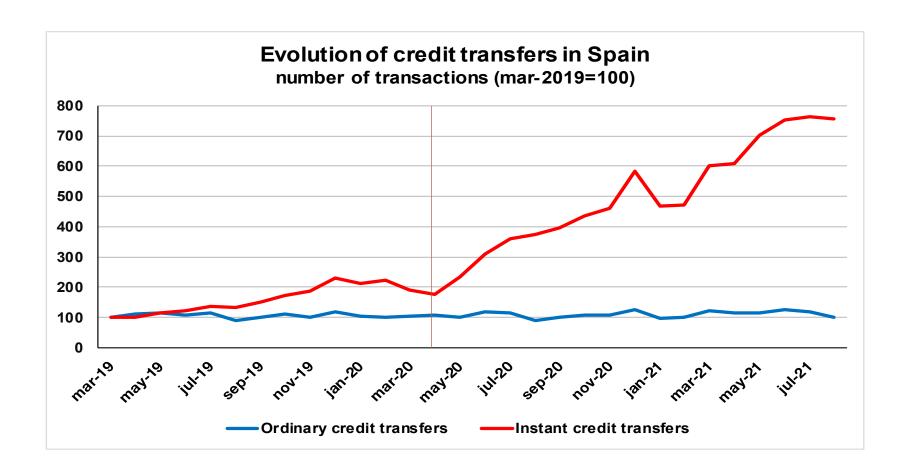
### <u>EU</u>

- ✓ Coronavirus pandemic → shift to cashless payments
- ✓ Increased use of (contactless) card payments
- Expansion of instant payments and related initiatives

# **National level (Spain)**

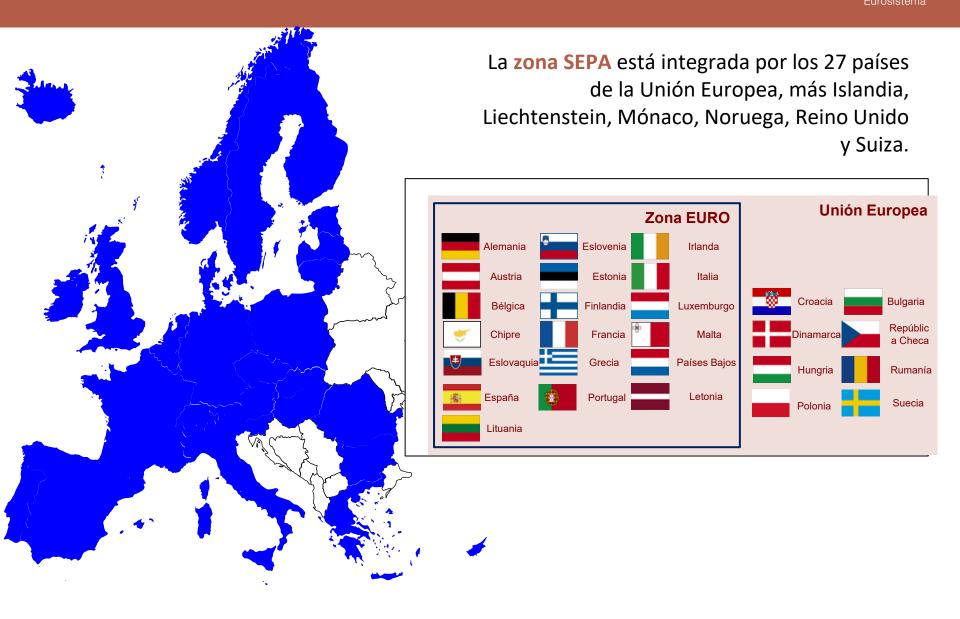
- ✓ Highly efficient domestic payments
- ✓ Dominant role of traditional **local players** (PSPs)





# Work in progress towards an integrated European payments market

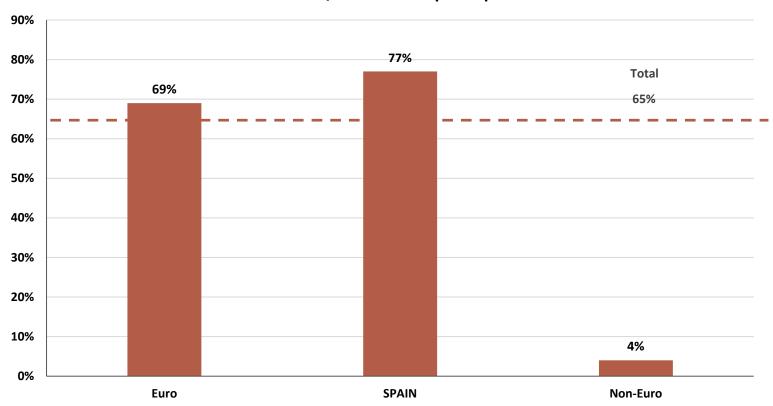
With the creation of SEPA, the EU introduced a harmonized set of pan-European payment instruments making electronic payments easier and more convenient for citizens and businesses, currently with an emphasis on the increasing use of SEPA Instant Credit Transfers (SCT Inst scheme)



# **Adoption of the SCT Inst scheme**

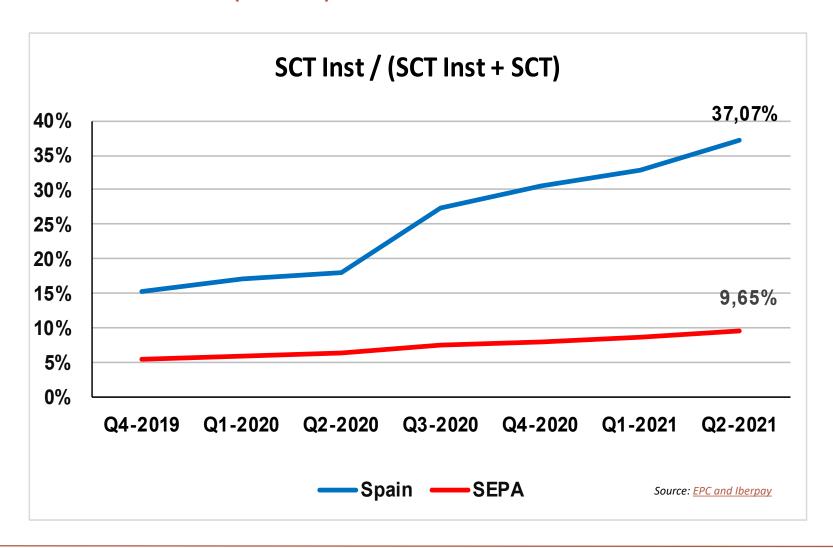
(SEPA Instant Credit Transfers)

#### % SCT Inst/SCT scheme participants



Source: EPC report for the ERPB Meeting 28 June 2021 - Status Update on SCT Inst Scheme

#### SCT Inst (volumes) as a share of of all credit transfers



The full deployment of **instant payments** is a cornerstone of the **Eurosystem's retail payments strategy** (as a market **catalyst** and as a system **operator**)

# **Strategic objective:**

# Full deployment of instant payments

(strategic alignment of the Eurosystem and European Commission)

The Eurosystem's priorities for **instant payments** are:

- 1. Availability to all individuals and businesses across Europe
- **2. Attractive conditions** for end users including key features (e.g. for one-off, recurring payments, bulk payments) to encourage the use of instant payments as **the new normal**
- 3. Additional pan-European functionalities such as **Request-to-Pay**
- **4. Overcoming barriers** such as relatively high transaction rejections partly due to difficulties with and fraud prevention and AML/CFT screening



**TIPS** - a settlement platform for Instant Payments

Dec 2020

58 TIPS DCAs

3,944 reachable parties

- Launched in Nov 2018 as an additional TARGET Service
- Settling SEPA Instant Credit Transfers (SCT Inst) in central bank money 24/7/365
  - ✓ Full cost-recovery & non-for-profit basis
  - ✓ Same TARGET2 participation rules
  - ✓ No entry or maintenance fees
  - ✓ Price: 0.20 cent (€0.002) per SCT Inst

Eurosystem's IP pan-European reachability measures (by Feb 2022):

- All PSPs reachable in TARGET2 that adhere to SCT Inst will be reachable in TIPS
- ACHs processing IPs will have a technical account in TIPS



#### **Multi-currency capabilities:**

- As of May 2022, RIX-INST (Swedish instant Payments service), will use TIPS to settle IP in SEK
- Danish Krona could also be settling by November 2025

#### **Currently investigating to enable cross-currency capabilities:**

- to settle cross-currency transactions (e.g. EUR-SEK, EUR-DKK)
- Work in progress to define:
  - Operational model
  - Legal set-up
  - Cross-currency settlement feature in TIPS

# Improving cross-border payments in line with G20 roadmap

A cross-currency settlement functionality in TIPS is in line with the Eurosystem's strategic objective of improving cross-border payments beyond the EU

If you have a <u>mobile phone</u>, you have <u>money!</u>







**595 M**TRANSACTIONS





**65 adhered Credit Institutions** 

## Market initiative (Bank of Spain as a catalyst)



Developed cooperatively by **credit institutions** in Spain

Strategy: implementation of IP mobile payments in order to:

- promote innovation competing with the BigTechs
- ✓ reduce the use of cash and the shadow economy
- leverage economies of scale

#### Main features





- A single solution for <u>mobile</u> instant payments in Spain
- SCT Inst compliant
- Mobile phone numbers as proxy of bank accounts
- P2P (push & pull) payments with a mobile app
- E-commerce payments, including request-to-pay (pay-by-link)
- Donations to NGOs
- Purchases at physical POS: piloting with Public Lottery
  - ✓ Merchant creates the purchase transaction
  - ✓ Client generates QR on the Bizum app
  - ✓ Merchant scans the Bizum OR code
  - ✓ Authentication is SCA and PSD2 compliant



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