



Future of Payments Forum – Frankfurt

Promoting European integration through digital innovation

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

With the European Central Bank's digital euro's preparation phase starting its second year, and wholesale central bank digital currency trials advancing, OMFIF's Digital Monetary Institute's Future of Payments Forum assembles key stakeholders exploring progress and challenges in upgrading payments infrastructure.

The Forum brings together 40-50 representatives from central banks, regulators, governments, commercial banks, technology providers and payments companies to shape the dialogue on the future of money and payments in Europe. Topics include the role of the public and private sector in retail payments, technical aspects of the digital euro, holding limits and offline payments, the political backdrop and its impact on legislation, tokenisation and its potential benefits for financial markets and improving cross-border payments.

The forum is interactive with all delegates invited to contribute to discussions. This event is invitation-only.

14:00 – 14:30 Registration and refreshments

14:30 – 15:00 **Welcome address** – Bridging macroeconomic CBDC models with central banks' issuance plans

Ulrich Bindseil, Director General of Market Infrastructures and Payments, European Central Bank

15:00 - 16:00 **Session I: What role should central banks play in strengthening retail payments in Europe?**

- The digital euro – progress on holding limits and offline payments
- Big tech, private money, stablecoins and the growing role of non-banks in payments
- CBDC implementation – how do PSPs business models need to adapt?
- Developments on the digital euro legal framework

Speakers:

Jens Reich, Head of digital Euro Ecosystem, Deutsche Bundesbank

Jan Rosam, Partner, Technology Consulting, EMEA Financial Services, EY

Mikael Svensson, Vice President Government Affairs & Public Policy Europe, Mastercard

Evelien Witlox, Director Digital Euro, European Central Bank

Moderator:

John Orchard, Chairman, Digital Monetary Institute, OMFIF

16:00 – 16:30 Break and refreshments

16:30 – 17:30 **Session II: Towards a DLT-based European unified ledger**

- Exploring the different Eurosystem proposals regarding the settlement of tokenised assets in central bank money

- The potential of a DLT-based European unified ledger that would include tokenised assets- what are the barriers and opportunities for financial market integration?
- How DLT and wholesale CBDC could be used to improve international transactions

Speakers:

Salvatore Alonzo, Head of the Payment Systems Directorate, Banca d'Italia

Oliver Sigrist, Senior Economist, Swiss National Bank

Martin Diehl, Head of Section Payment Systems, Deutsche Bundesbank

Moderator:

Katie-Ann Wilson, Managing Director, Digital Monetary Institute, OMFIF

17:30 – 18:30 **Reception**