

**THE EUROPEAN CARDS STAKEHOLDERS GROUP LAUNCHES A
PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON A NEW VERSION OF ITS
DATA ELEMENTS REQUIREMENT BOOK**

Following the availability of a major ISO 20022 card message standard update

Brussels, 1 May 2020 – The **European Cards Stakeholders Group (ECSG)**, the industry association in charge of cards standardisation in the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA), is today releasing the version 8.5 of Book 3 – Data Elements, incorporating a major update of the ISO 20022 Acquirer-To-Issuer Card messages standard (ATICA), for a two-month public consultation.

This new version is a major step forward as it uses version 2 of ATICA as a main reference for the other card messaging standards. Other changes include updates linked to European regulation, such as the Payment Services Directive 2 or the Interchange Fee Regulation.

To ensure this new version truly reflects market needs, all stakeholders are invited to supply feedback by **30 June 2020**.

Book 3 – Data Elements is part of the SEPA Cards Standardisation Volume, a set of documents written and maintained by the ECSG that aims at defining common standard requirements for card payments in the Single Euro Payment Area. The Volume is considered a key document for the cards industry, with a goal of achieving cards standardisation, interoperability, and security in Europe.

More information about the ECSG consultation can be found on its [website](#).

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About the European Cards Stakeholders Group

The European Cards Stakeholders Group (ECSG) is a multi-stakeholder association promoting card harmonisation in the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA). The ECSG is made up of organisations from five sectors of the card payment chain: retailers/wholesale, vendors (card, payment devices, related IT systems), processors of card transactions, card schemes, and payment service providers. The ECSG is an international not-for-profit association. The objective of the ECSG is to contribute to making it possible for EU citizens to use their cards for payments and ATM withdrawals with the same ease and convenience throughout SEPA as in their own country, and to help remove technical, practical and commercial barriers to card harmonisation for the benefit of industry participants. It pursues this goal through the maintenance and evolution of the SEPA Cards Standardisation Volume (the Volume), a key document for the card industry defining guidelines for cards standardisation, interoperability and security in Europe. As a self-regulatory initiative, the ECSG also promotes conformance of the card industry to the Volume. The ECSG is not part of the EU institutional framework, yet its creation is supported by European Union institutions, which participate in its work as observers.

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