

Stakeholder Forum Meeting no. 4

Date: 2021-05-26 Location: Teams

Present

Marianne Melton	Chair (MobilePay)		Via Teams
Pasi Miettinen	Bank of Finland		Via Teams
Eva Nässlin-Larsson	Bankgirot	Join 9:30	Via Teams
Robert Book	CGI		Via Teams
Kristian Ring	Finance Denmark		Via Teams
Pasi Korhonen	Finanssivalvonta FIN-FSA		Via Teams
Philippe Ameil	Finastra		Via Teams
Eduard Stringer	FIS		Via Teams
Eva Keskitalo	Folksam		Via Teams
Carlos Rodriguez	Independent		Via Teams
Morten Sprange Thomsen	Independent		Via Teams
Heike Strasser	Mastercard	Until 10:30	Via Teams
Charlotte Fink Jensen	MobilePay	Joined 9:30	Via Teams
Claus Kempel	Nationalbanken/Danish Central Bank		Via Teams
Anna Ohlsson Brozek	Riksbanken/Swedish Central Bank		Via Teams
Helena Carnell	Riksgälden/ Swedish National Debt Office		Via Teams
Helena Stjernstedt	Swedish Bankers Association		Via Teams
Benjamin Woodcock	SWIFT		Via Teams
Carolina Lindberg	Visa		Via Teams
Peter Larsson	Volante		Via Teams

Representing the NPC

Thomas Bo Christensen	NPC Scheme Management Committee		
Camilla Bäck	NPC Scheme Management Committee		Via Teams
Åsa Gibson-Lundmark	NPC Scheme Management Committee		Via Teams
Carsten Thaarup	NPC Secretariat – Independent		Via Teams
Jenny Winther	NPC Secretariat		Via Teams
Maria Brogren	NPC Secretariat		

Apologies

Gareth Ellis	ACI	
Morten Fels	DK Ministry of Industry, Business & Financial Affairs	
Carl-Johan Mårtenson	Försäkringskassan	
Anders Holmström	Getswish	
Jonas Jakobsen	P27	
Michael Pandoscak	SAP	

Agenda

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1. Introduction

Marianne Melton, chair of NPC Stakeholder Forum, opened the meeting and welcomed all.

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved with no additions.

3. Approval of last meeting minutes

Last meeting's minutes were approved.

4. Appointment of minutes adjuster

Robert Book, CGI, was chosen to be the meeting's minutes adjuster.

5. Information and Status NPC

Jenny Winther, NPC, informed about the NPC ongoing work.

NPC has had Information meetings for the market on March 18th and 23rd. There was a great interest in NPC and around 150 persons participated in the meetings.

Last SMC meeting was held April 13th where decisions were taken to publish minor version updates of NCT & NCT Inst Schemes version 1.1 on April 30th, according to slide 7 as well as to give NCT & NCT Inst WG a task to investigate how SIPS (Single Instructing Party Settlement) model or similar new instant settlement functions relates to NCT & NCT Inst Schemes.

NCT & NCT Inst WG is working with the ongoing change management cycle and the RTP WG continue to follow work in EPC for SRTP and any Nordic input to that work, in relation to the 2.0 of the SRTP Scheme that are now out on a public consultation.

Confirmation of Payee WG with a task force for Implementation Guidelines continue drafting the Rulebook and Implementation Guidelines while waiting for the outcome of the in-depth legal assessment.

NPC Legal Support Group is doing the in-depth legal assessment for Confirmation of Payee. This is done within the Nordic bankers' associations per community. The NPC Legal Support Group have also reviewed and approved the updated NPC Bylaw and Internal Rules that will be decided by the General Assembly in June.

NPC Risk Management Support Group is looking at change management and EPC's updated Risk Management Annexes (RMA) for SCT & SCT Inst Schemes.

Heike Strasser, Mastercard, confirmed that the EPC Schemes are also being discussed with regards to the new real-time settlement functions that are emerging.

6. Denmark and Sweden community update

Helena Stjernstedt, Swedish Bankers' Association gave a status update from the Swedish community.

Helena represents the Swedish Bankers' Association (SBA) that supports their members in many ways in preparation for the new payment infrastructure. For example, posting information on the webpage, running various workgroups, participates in various workshops etc. One main activity that is ongoing is the review and update of relevant documentation such as contracts and agreements.

The Swedish banking sector is about to embark on an exciting and major journey regarding the transformation of the payment infrastructure. In Sweden, a Transformation Program has been established. This program has an important role to enable the transformation from the existing payment infrastructure to the new planned payment infrastructure. The Program is in charge of the transformation plan and supports the stakeholders within the Program to follow and execute on the plan. It contains transformation plans for products, functions and services in the Swedish Payment

Market such as Direct Debit (Autogiro) and e-invoice (Bankgiro e-Faktura). The Transformation Program was started by and is governed by the SBA, P27 and Bankgirot (Sweden's current clearinghouse for mass payments today).

Important dates:

- P27 has informed the market about a delay for Swedish batch payments according to the NCT Scheme for at least 12 months, but more likely 18 months. This affects SEK batch (NPC Credit Transfer for SEK) but not the plans for the migration of SWISH.
- As of May 2022, RIX-INST will begin to settle instant payments in SEK (end date of transformation for SWISH is November 2022). This means that the Swedish instant payment product SWISH will run on Riksbank new RIX-INST service (technically using the TIPS service from the Eurosystem) and will support NPC Instant Credit Transfer (NCT Inst) for SEK.
- Transformation program – Newsletter nr 6, May 2021 will contain a revised transformation plan before the summer break due to the P27 delay.

All information available at the SBA website - [Svenska Transformationsprogrammet | Swedishbankers](#)

The meeting raised a question about P27's time plan for SEK Batch after the announcement of the above-mentioned delay and it was noted that P27 will communicate their time plans. P27 will be asked to present at the next Stakeholder Forum meeting.

Maria Brogren, NPC, added that the P27 delay will not affect the NPC work and the NPC Schemes, NPC have Schemes that are in effect and ready to be used by P27, or other CSMs, when they are ready.

Anna Ohlsson, Riksbanken, informed that Swedish Riksbank's project for RIX-INST is according to plan.

Morten Sprange Thomsen, asked about potential new products in the new infrastructure in relation to the old one with very specific products. Helena answered that it will be up to the market to offer products and services based on the new infrastructure provided by NPC, P27 and other CSMs.

Kristian Ring, Finance Denmark, gave a status update from the Danish community.

Finance Denmark represents the Danish Bankers' Association as well as being the owner of the Danish domestic clearing system today. In Denmark, there is no officially established transformation program since there is no decision taken yet in the Danish community. The Danish Central Bank has announced that settlement of DKK will be migrated to ECBs Target services, including the TIPS service. To mirror this announcement and associated discussions, Finance Denmark has set up a sector clarification program in relation to the Target migration. It is important to decide which clearing system (CSM) that will be migrated to which Target service. More information and decision will hopefully be communicated in September. As part of the Target migration the Danish Central Bank is now asking and proposing to the sector to use the NCT Inst Scheme for their TIPS settlement solution in DKK. The plan is that all participants need to adhere to the NCT Inst Scheme at the latest 2024, very similar to the set up in Sweden and the Swedish Central Bank.

Marianne Melton, MobilePay, asked how and when this will be communicated? Kristian answered that it is hard to say for sure, but it is clear that there is a need for communication, and it will hopefully be done somewhere in September this year.

7. How to comply with the NPC Scheme? Presentation from P27

Unfortunately P27 had to leave their apologies to this meeting and are therefore not able to present anything at this meeting. They will postpone this presentation to the next Stakeholder Forum meeting in September and the NPC will welcome them then.

8. Update on NPC Change Management

Maria gave a repetition of the calendar for the ongoing change management cycle that started in August 2020. A call for change requests started in August 2020 and will end at the end of June 2021, as per slide 11 in the presentation. Public consultation of the new Rulebooks including the suggested changes will be done during late autumn 2021. The new versions of the Rulebooks will be published in June 2022 and enter into effect in November 2023. This version of the NCT and NCT Inst Scheme will also include the upgrade to ISO 2019 version.

From 2023 the NPC change management process will be in sync with the change management EPC SCT and SCT Inst Schemes. The public schemes and change management process can be found on the NPC website: <https://www.nordicpaymentscouncil.org/npc-schemes/>.

As a reminder the call for change request period will be ongoing until June 30th, 2021 and template to be used to make a change request for NCT or NCT Inst Schemes are found at NPC's webpage: <https://www.nordicpaymentscouncil.org/npc-schemes/change-management/>

Maria continued to inform about what the NPC change management 2023 will include as per slide 14. The change management work will, in addition to change requests from the Nordic market and internal change requests from NPC secretariat and NPC working groups, also include EPCs changes for 2021 and 2023 version of SCT & SCT Inst Schemes, for both Rulebooks and Implementation Guidelines.

After assessment for all change requests a Change proposal document will be created that includes all change request with an analysis and recommendation for each change request made by NCT & NCT Inst WG.

The major topics, which still are being investigated, for this change management cycle were presented; ISO 2019 upgrade, One-leg-out payments and updates in relation to RTP, as per slide 18. One-leg-out payments meaning payments that have been initiated cross-border outside of the Scheme.

Detailed process descriptions of the Change management are described on slide 16 and 17. Information about Stakeholder Forum role in change management work were described. The Stakeholder Forum will give input to the change requests in a Position paper. The Position Paper is planned to be finalised during March 2022. The Stakeholder Forum participants are encouraged to read the current versions of the schemes and the change management process as well as to start to consider your input to the Position paper by the end of 2021. The Position paper is an important part of the decision for publishing the Rulebooks that will be taken by the SMC. More information about NPC's Change management process and Stakeholder Forums role in relation to that can be found in the document *NPC900-01 NPC Scheme Management Internal Rules v1.1*, distributed together with these minutes.

Peter Larsson, Volante, asked how NPC decide about Maximum amount for NCT Inst and if there are any discussions about remove the maximum amount limit as discussed in the EPC for SCT Inst Scheme. NPC answered that NPC do not set limitation, it is done within each community (i.e. Denmark and Sweden) and communicated to the NPC, that is responsible for the documentation of the Maximum amount. All information about maximum amounts is described in the document [2021 NCT Inst Maximum Amount version v1.0](#). There have been no discussions to remove the limitations of maximum amounts in the Nordics.

Heike Strasser, Mastercard, informed that she is part of the Task force in EPC handling the One-leg-out topic and can share more information about this on the next Stakeholder Forum meeting.

Carsten Thaarup, NPC, added that the One-leg Out discussion have been ongoing for years in EPC and that it is very much related to transparency and correct information in the payment.

9. Status Request-to-pay

Jenny gave a status update for the Request-to-pay work within NPC as per slide 20.

EPC's first 1.0 version of the SRTP Scheme was published in November 2020. The EPC have an ongoing change management cycle for SRTP Scheme v.2.0 right now. One of the most important changes for the Nordic counties is to have the SRTP Scheme currency agnostic given the possibility to use it within the Nordics as well.

The focus for NPC RTP WG is to investigate the Nordic requirements and see if there are any specific needs that needs be solved by a Nordic AOS to the SRTP Scheme.

Jenny pointed out that if the SRTP Scheme will not become currency agnostic (which is highly unlikely), the NPC is prepared to develop a Nordic RTP Scheme within 6-8 months from the request.

Carlos Rodriguez, Independent, expressed that it is good news that the SRTP most likely will become currency agnostic. This is good for the interoperability between the Nordics and SEPA.

10. NPC Confirmation of Payee status

Maria went through the purpose and benefits for Confirmation of Payee, as per slide 22. The purpose of Confirmation of Payee is to be used prior to a payment giving the possibility to confirm the Payees account number or account number in combination with name or identification code prior to a payment is done. It will help to prevent fraud and misdirected payments as well as giving an overall enhanced end-user experience.

The status right now regarding Confirmation of Payee is that a draft CoP Rulebook and Implementation Guidelines is being produced. In parallel, there are an in-depth legal investigation ongoing regarding how the current Bank secrecy law and interpretation of it can align with the scope of the Confirmation of Payee Scheme. This is done in the respective Nordic banking association.

11. Meetings and workplan 2021

Jenny informed once again about the work plan for 2021. The meetings will be planned as virtual meetings for now, but ideally it will be great to have a physical meeting once a year.

Next meeting will be September 15th when more information about the ongoing change management will be given. There will also be an opportunity to discuss upcoming work with regarding the Position paper etc. P27 will be invited to present regarding how they will comply with the NPC Schemes and current timelines. Heike Strasser, Mastercard, have offered to present her observations regarding the service and setup of one-leg-out transactions. There will also be status updates and discussions about Request-to-Pay and Confirmation of Payee.

12. Open discussion – questions and comments

There were no additional questions or comments made at the meeting.

13. Any Other Business

The meeting had nothing to discuss or report.

14. Next meetings

Next meeting will be held digitally via Teams September 15th at 9:00-11:30 CET.

After that meeting according to plan:

- November 11th, 9-11:30 CET via Teams

15. Closing

Jenny added that on slide 33 in the presentation all ongoing sector initiatives are presented.

The Marianne Melton thanked all for participating and closed the meeting.

Meeting Secretary: Maria Brogren, Nordic Payments Council

Approved by Chair: Marianne Melton, Chair Stakeholder Forum (MobilePay)

Adjuster of minutes: Robert Book, CGI

Glossary

TERM	DEFINITION
AIS	Account Information Service providers
Additional Optional Services (AOS)	Complementary features and services based on the Scheme, as described in section 2.3 of the Rulebook.
Adherence Agreement	The agreement to be completed as part of the process by which an entity applies to become a Participant. The agreement is found as Annex I of the Rulebook.
Alias	A pseudonym that allows to uniquely identify for instance the Beneficiary account or the Beneficiary. The conversion is done through a lookup in the directory used for that specific alias. Alias is generated by the Beneficiary Bank and given to the Beneficiary. The Beneficiary can request a change of the Alias at any given time.
Business Identifier Code (BIC)	An 8 or 11 character ISO code assigned by SWIFT and used to identify a financial institution in financial transactions.
B2C	Bank-to-customer
Credit Transfer Instruction	An instruction given by an Originator to an Originator Bank requesting the execution of a Credit Transfer Transaction, comprising such information as is necessary for the execution the NPC Credit Transfer and is directly or indirectly initiated in accordance with the provisions of the Payment Services Directive.
Credit Transfer Transaction	An instruction executed by an Originator Bank by forwarding the Transaction to a CSM for forwarding the Transaction to the Beneficiary Bank.
CSM	Clearing and Settlement Mechanism.
C2B	Customer-to-bank
DD	Direct Debit
EBA	Euro Banking Association
EBA	European Banking Authority (regulatory body reporting into the European Central Bank)
EC	European Commission
EEA	European Economic Area
EPC	European Payments Council
ERI	Extended Remittance Information
ERI Option	Extended Remittance Information Option

TERM	DEFINITION
ERI Option Participant	Participant which has formally declared its participation to this option to the NPC
ESA	European Supervisory Authorities
EU	The European Union
Eurosystem	The European Central Bank and the central banks in the Euro area (incl. the non-euro based central banks as well?)
IBAN	International Bank Account Number (IBAN): uniquely identifies an individual account at a specific financial institution in a particular country (ISO 13616).
IG	Implementation Guidelines
Invoicee	The entity, person or company purchasing the goods or service mentioned in the invoice
Invoicer	The entity, person or company selling the goods or service mentioned in the invoice
LSG	Legal Support Group
NASO	National Adherence Support Organisation
National Account Number Structure	Nationally defined account structure, including at minimum bank branch code and account number
Nordic currencies in scope for NPC	Denmark: DKK Sweden: SEK Norway: NOK (this is within the vision from the Norwegian market to be planned exactly when and how)
NPC	The Nordic Payments Council
NPC Bylaws	The Bylaws of the Nordic Payments Council (NPC), as amended from time to time
NPC Credit Transfer (NCT)	The NPC Credit Transfer is the payment message governed by the rules of the NPC Credit Transfer Scheme for making credit transfer payments in the Scheme Currencies from bank accounts to other bank accounts.
NPC Instant Credit Transfer (NCT Inst)	The NPC Credit Transfer is the payment message governed by the rules of the NPC Instant Credit Transfer Scheme for making credit transfer payments instantly (real-time) in the Scheme Currencies from bank accounts to other bank accounts.
NPC SMIR	The Scheme Management Internal Rules, as set out in Annex II of the Rulebook, and as amended from time to time.

TERM	DEFINITION
PAD	EU Payment Account Directive
Payment Services Directive (PSD)	Directive (EU) 2015/2366 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on payment services in the internal market, amending Directives 2002/65/EC, 2009/110/EC and 2013/36/EU and Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010, and repealing Directive 2007/64/EC (PSD 2).
PI	Payment Institutions
PIS	Payment Initiation Service providers
PSP	Payment Service Provider
RMA	Risk Management Annex (being developed for all operational NPC schemes)
RTP	Request-to-pay
Scheme Management Committee, or "SMC"	The NPC body that according to the NPC Bylaws is responsible for performing the NPC Scheme Management Functions as stipulated in the NPC SMIR.
SCT Rulebook	The SEPA Credit Transfer Scheme Rulebook, as amended by the EPC from time to time.
SCT Inst Rulebook	The SEPA Instant Credit Transfer Scheme Rulebook, as amended by the EPC from time to time.
SEPA	<p>The Single Euro Payment Area (SEPA) is the area where citizens, companies and other economic actors will be able to make and receive payments in euro, within all the EU Member States, whether between or within national boundaries under the same basic conditions, rights and obligations, regardless of their location.</p> <p>SEPA shall be deemed to encompass the countries and territories which are part of the geographical scope of the SEPA Schemes, as listed in the EPC List of SEPA Scheme Countries (see Reference [11]), as amended from time to time.</p>
SMIR	Scheme Management Internal Rules (separate annex of any rulebook published explaining e.g. how to influence/suggest amendments to the schemes)
SRTP	SEPA Request-to-Pay, the Request-to-pay Scheme produced by the EPC.
SWIFT	Society for World-wide Financial Transactions

TERM	DEFINITION
TF	Task Force, ad-hoc grouping consisting of participants from the NPC Members, started by the SMC for investigation certain questions. Their mandate and tasks are defined in a ToR.
ToR	Terms of Reference
WG	Working Group, a group working for a longer period consisting of participants from the NPC Members started by the SMC. Their mandate and tasks are defined in a ToR.