

Stakeholder Forum Meeting no. 9

Date: 2022-09-28 Location: Teams

Present

Marianne Melton	Chair (MobilePay)	Via Teams
Andy Morris	ACI	Via Teams
Anneli Wennerström	Bankgirot	Via Teams
Pasi Miettinen	Bank of Finland	Via Teams
Rasmus Engbæk Larsen	Finance Denmark	Via Teams
Petri Alto	Finanssivalvonta FIN-FSA	Via Teams
Philippe Ameil	Finastra	Via Teams
Eduard Stringer	FIS	Via Teams
Jacob Ruben Hansen	Forbrugerrådet Tænk	Via Teams
Dan Axelsson	Getswish	Via Teams
Richard Jones	Mastercard	Via Teams
Charlotte Fink Jensen	MobilePay	Via Teams
Mathilde Bak Møller	Nationalbanken/Danish Central Bank	Via Teams
Peter Møller Restelli-Nielsen	Nationalbanken/Danish Central Bank	Via Teams
Ola Hammarström	P27	Via Teams
Danny Pedersen	P27	Via Teams
Anna Ohlsson Brozek	Riksbanken/Swedish Central Bank	Via Teams
Helena Stjernstedt	Swedish Bankers' Association	Via Teams
Ted Scheiman	SWIFT	Via Teams
Heike Strasser	Unifits	Via Teams
Emily Rayment	Visa	Via Teams
Peter Larsson	Volante	Via Teams

Representing the NPC

Carsten Thaarup	NPC Secretariat – Independent	Via Teams
Camilla Åkerman	NPC Secretariat	Via Teams
Maria Brogren	NPC Secretariat	Via Teams
Susanna Pärlfjård	NPC Secretariat	Via Teams

Apologies

Robert Book	CGI
Eva Jalrup	Bankgirot
Morten Fels	DK Ministry of Industry, Business & Financial Affairs
Carl-Johan Mårtenson	Försäkringskassan
Carlos Rodriguez	Independent
Vivek Kumar Srivastava	Oracle
Helena Carnell	Riksgälden/Swedish National Debt Office
Michael Pandoscak	SAP
Camilla Bäck	NPC Scheme Management Committee
Thomas Bo Christensen	NPC Scheme Management Committee
Åsa Gibson-Lundmark	NPC Scheme Management Committee

Agenda

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1. Introduction

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

Extra welcome to the new members in the forum, Mathilde Bak Møller Nationalbanken and Eva Jalrup Bankgirot. Annelie Wennerström Bankgirot and Ola Hammarström P27 being alternates on this meeting.

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

Richard Jones, Mastercard, was chosen to be the meeting's minutes adjuster.

5. Information and Status NPC

Camilla Åkerman introduced herself as Secretary General at NPC starting 1st of September informed about the NPC's ongoing work as per slide 5 in the meeting presentation.

NPC will hold information meetings on October 19th and 26th, open for all. It will be the same information given in both meetings. Link for registration is found on NPC's webpage [Home \(nordicpaymentscouncil.org\)](https://nordicpaymentscouncil.org)

Scheme Management Committee (SMC) meeting was held September 20th, no decisions taken at this meeting. On next SMC meeting in November the SMC will decide about updated Risk Management Annexes and publication of NPC Confirmation of Payee Rulebook.

NCT & NCT Inst WG continue the work with change management for NCT & NCT Inst 2023 Schemes. Having published the 2023 Rulebooks and Implementation Guidelines in June and July they now continue to work with updates of Clarifications papers. They will also work with One-leg Out (OLO) transactions and through a Task Force investigate the need for OLO in the Nordics.

NPC Request-to-Pay WG is following the work within EPC SRTP WG and giving input from the Nordics. EPC will in November publish a version 3.0 of the STRP Scheme.

NPC Confirmation of Payee WG is working with the outcome of the public consultation. More information under agenda point 8.

NPC Legal Support Group is making a final legal review of the Confirmation of Payee Rulebook and will review the updated versions of the NCT & NCT Inst Risk Management Annexes.

NPC Risk Management Support Group are focusing on updating Risk Management Annexes for NCT & NCT Inst Rulebooks based on all changes in the 2023 versions of the Rulebooks.

Camilla added that there will be no change in NPC's objectives due to the fact that she is the new Secretary General. NPC's vision and objectives: *The Nordic Payments Council (NPC) creates and manages Nordic schemes to facilitate payments within the Nordic countries. The main objective for the NPC is to contribute to harmonised payments in the Nordics.*

NPC has not got any new members since the last Stakeholder Forum and all members are presented on slide 7 in the presentation.

Camilla continued with information, as a reminder, of when banks need to start adhering to the NPC Schemes and presented the Nordic plans for migration vs. NPC membership and Adherence on slide 8-9 in the presentation.

6. Denmark and Sweden community update

Rasmus Engbæk Larsen, Finance Denmark gave a status update from the Danish community, as per slide 12 in the presentation.

The Danish sector plan was presented, and it was communicated that Finance Denmark clearing, planned to close in Q2 2026, is delayed with one quarter. Rasmus stressed that a plan for such large project is complex and will be adjusted over time.

The most critical parts that are in focus for Easter 2025 is that all Danish Banks need to be ready to start testing Q1 2024, P27 liquidity module and P27 Instant flow. Any test plan has not yet been communicated.

There is also a large focus on customer impact and analysis is underway on how to enable a migration with as low customer impact as possible. For the migration of FI-card the wish is to have no customer impact at all.

Finance Denmark is working on a communication plan, probably in 2023, for the migration, and how to best communicate with the market. They will give more information about this in due course.

Danish Central Bank Nationalbanken will leave current RTGS Kronos2 and migrate both DKK Inst and DKK batch settlement to the T2 platform by Easter 2025.

Marianne Melton asked about the progress of P27s Clearing license and Ola answered that the progress is going well and can't give more information or details about this. Helena Stjernstedt added that Swedish Bankers' Association and P27 have recurring meetings to discuss any open questions regarding migration.

Rasmus Engbeck Larsson asked if the time plan for SEK Batch starting September 2023 is according to plan, or if any more delays are expected. Helena confirmed that the Swedish Transformation Program time plan for SEK Batch has an end-date in November 2024.

Helena Stjernstedt, Swedish Bankers' Association gave a status update from the Swedish community, as per slide 14-16 in the presentation.

Swedish Central Bank host a council, *Riksbankens Infrastrukturråd för betalningar och värdepapper*, which has compiled a summary of all ongoing strategic activities within the payment market for the coming years.

Focusing on next year for the Swedish Payment Infrastructure some dates were presented.

Riksbanken RIX-INST project reference group:

- April 2023 - start of migration moved from February to April migration SWISH
- May 2023 – end date of migration (2 months delay)

Swedish Transformation program:

- Sept 2023 - start of the transformation

Euroclear

- Q3-Q4 2023 Euroclear's transition to a new solution for Issuer payouts (Emittentutbetalningar)

Supporting the Swedish transformation:

- 1 May 2023- NPC CT Scheme in effect
- 19 Nov 2023- NPC CT INST Scheme in effect

Helena addressed that one risk raised in relation to these dates is that banks may not have enough resources within the payments area.

Helena continued with the information that Bankinfrastruktur i Sverige AB (BSAB) a subsidiary to Swedish Bankers Association has launched a new website <https://www.bankinfrastruktur.se> where information about Swedish payment infrastructure can be found.

Information at this site is shared with not only the members of the Swedish Bankers Association, but to all interested parties. For example, information about common agreements and recommendations, clearing number allocation, IBAN structure and Swedish account structure can be found.

Camilla Åkerman added that NPC also have meetings with all parties such as P27, National Bankers Associations and Transformation Programs to be updated and help our members on this journey.

7. NPC Change Management

NPC informed about the publication of the 2023 NCT & NCT Inst Rulebooks and Implementation Guidelines done in June and July and gave a short update on the work done for that.

There are some factors that need to be considered for the next change management cycle e.g., if NPC need some more time after EPC published their versions and how to best do work in parallel with EPC when NPC don't get draft documentation from EPC.

NPC will also publish NCT & NCT Inst Implementation Guidelines on SWIFTS MyStandards later this autumn (work currently ongoing). NPC will continue to publish all documentation on our webpage going forward, MyStandards will be a complement to our webpage. MyStandards will also give possibilities to extract NPC's formats in excel and to compare with other Schemes.

Request for NPC's MyStandards group can be done by email to info@npcouncil.org or through MyStandards.

The overall milestone overview for NCT & NCT Inst Scheme 2023 version was presented as per slide 19-20 in the presentation.

8. Information & plan NPC Confirmation of Payee

NPC informed about the outcome of the Public consultation for Confirmation of Payee Rulebook that ended August 15th. NPC received 6 responses from the market in total 24 comments.

Right now, NPC Confirmation of Payee working group is analysing all comments and making recommendations for any potential changes in the draft Rulebook. Comments and recommendations will be published in a Change result document together with the final Rulebook, which is unlikely to be significantly different to the draft version.

In parallel, NPC legal Support does a final legal review of the Rulebook and legal opinions on a general level, and for competition law.

Stakeholder Forum has a formal task to make a position paper on the Rulebook that will be part of the decision material for the SMC. The suggested plan for that work was presented on slide 24 in the presentation. The meeting agreed to establish a smaller task force to make a draft version of the position paper to be presented and discussed on the next meeting. Andy Morris and Richard Jonas volunteered for the task force. The draft position paper is planned to be send out as pre-read material before the next Stakeholder November 17.

NPC continued with presenting the benefits and use-cases for Confirmation of Payee and went through example flows for a single request instant and a bulk request.

Heike Strasser asked if there would be an autopay option if there is an exact match. Maria Brogren confirmed that this would be a PSP decision, but it will always be up to the Payer to decide to go ahead and initiate the following payment, based on the result in the response message.

Carsten Thaarup added that in the EPC fraud prevention is commonly raised as the strongest reason for why Confirmation of Payee is needed and emphasised that benefits such as creating trust, and avoiding misdirected payment are equally important.

Maria Brogren informed that NPC was invited to EPC SEMWG June meeting to inform about NPC work with Confirmation of Payee and mentioned that the most important part was to highlight that the Nordics don't see this as only fraud prevention, we see this in a larger context with more benefits.

9. Meetings and work plan 2022

Next Stakeholder Forum meeting will be held November 17th via Teams. On that meeting Stakeholder Forum will agree on the position paper for Confirmation of Payee Rulebook and decide on work plan for 2023. NPC encouraged all meeting participants to come with suggested topics for the workplan.

The meeting requested that there should be at least one physical meeting in 2023. NPC will present a meeting plan for next year on November meeting and a potential physical meeting can then be planned. If there will be a physical meeting during 2023, there will be an option to participate virtually, but NPC will encourage as many as possible to join the potential physical meeting.

10. Open discussion – questions and comments

NPC opened up for questions and comments from the meeting, but nothing was raised for discussion.

11. Any Other Business

The meeting had nothing to discuss or report.

12. Next meetings

Next meeting Wednesday November 17th via teams.

13. Closing

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: Richard Jones, Mastercard

Decision log

No.	Decision Date	Decision
1	2022-05-19	The Stakeholder Forum agreed on the document Stakeholder Forum position 2023 Change Proposal Payment Schemes for the 2023 version of NCT and NCT Inst Rulebooks.

Glossary

TERM	DEFINITION
ACH	Automated Clearing House
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

TERM	DEFINITION
ERI Option	Extended Remittance Information Option
ERI Option Participant	Participant who 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
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.

TERM	DEFINITION
NPC SMIR	The Scheme Management Internal Rules, as set out in Annex II of the Rulebook, and as amended from time to time.
OLO	One-leg-out transactions. OLO transaction are payments where one of the payment service providers (PSPs) are not located in the geographical area of the schema (e.g. SEPA, NPC)
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)

TERM	DEFINITION
SRTP	SEPA Request-to-Pay, the Request-to-pay Scheme produced by the EPC.
SWIFT	Society for World-wide Financial Transactions
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.