



Castles Technology Joins EPSM, Strengthening Payment Solutions in the SEPA Region

February, 21.2024, Vélizy-Villacoublay- <u>Castles Technology</u>, a leading provider of Android payment acceptance solutions, has officially become a member of the European Payment Service Providers for Merchants (EPSM) association. EPSM, a non-profit organization focusing on acquirers and merchant PSPs in the SEPA region, welcomes Castles Technology as a strategic addition to its network.

The addition of Castles Technology to EPSM underscores the association's commitment to fostering collaboration and innovation within the payments industry. With Castles Technology on board, EPSM now boasts an even more robust network of partners dedicated to advancing payment solutions across Europe.

"We are delighted to welcome Castles Technology to EPSM," said Nicolas Adolph, Chairman of the EPSM. "Their expertise and innovative approach to payment technology will undoubtedly enhance our collective efforts in driving forward the evolution of payment solutions within the SEPA region."

Castles Technology's membership in EPSM further solidifies the association's position as a key player in shaping the future of payments in Europe. Together with existing members, Castles Technology will contribute to the development of cutting-edge payment solutions that meet the evolving needs of merchants and consumers alike.

"We are excited to join EPSM and collaborate with fellow industry leaders to drive innovation and excellence in payment technology," said Jean-Philippe Niedergang, CCO Group and EMEA CEO from Castles Technology. "Together, we look forward to leveraging our collective expertise to deliver exceptional payment solutions that empower businesses and enhance the payment experience for all stakeholders."

With Castles Technology's membership, EPSM continues to strengthen its position as a leading voice in the payments industry, dedicated to driving progress and innovation across the SEPA region.

About Castles Technology

Castles Technology is a global leader in payment acceptance solutions, providing cutting-edge terminals, innovative solutions, and exceptional services to empower the payment ecosystem. Castles Technology partners with over thousands customers including banks, merchants, FinTechs, acquirers, ISVs, and PSPs, deploying millions of POS terminals worldwide for retailers of all sizes.

As the foremost Android payment acceptance, Castles Technology offers secure, reliable, and seamless solutions with global and local reach. With over 30 years of experience, the company's dedicated community of experts is committed to anticipating and shaping the future of commerce worldwide, while their powerful devices, secure payment solutions, and top-notch services ensure unparalleled quality and performance.

The company believes in the importance of innovation and sustainability and is committed to making a positive impact on the world through our products, services, and operations.

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About the EPSM:

The European trade association EPSM represents the interests of payment service providers for merchants, like acquirers and internet PSPs for payment acceptance. As a non-for-profit organization, it provides a cost-effective interest representation and general information exchange on payment topics to its members.

Since its founding in April 2005, the specialised EPSM has grown to more than 60 EPSM members with headquarters in 16 European countries (AT, BE, CH, CY, CZ, DE, FR, GR, HU, IE, IT, LU, LT, NL, SE, UK) and in the USA. There are voting (ordinary) members, like acquirers, payment network operators, and internet payment providers, and non-voting (extra-ordinary) members, like payment schemes, service providers, and terminal manufacturers.

In 2022, after the Corona break, there have been two EPSM Meetings with app. 40 participants and external speakers, held in Prague (Czech Republic) and Munich (Germany). For 2023, three physical meetings are planned. In addition, there are app 6 virtual meetings per year typically each with app 50 participants from more than 10 European countries.

Recent new members have been anybill (Germany), myPOS.AT (Austria), Postfinance (Switzerland), and Discover Global Network (United States).

The association has been in contact with the European Commission, the ECB, the EBA, other European and national organisations and actively taken part in several consultations.

EPSM representatives are active in the EU Payment Systems Market Expert Group (PSMEG), the global PCI SSC Board of Advisors (PCI BoA), and in the EU Intellectual Property Observatory (EUIPO). EPSM is an observer to the European Payment Institutions Federation (EPIF).

The services for members include typically three EPSM Meetings per year with external speakers, up-to-date information by e-mail, a homepage with a non-public intranet, a virtual AML Compliance WG and a virtual SCA working group.

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