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PAYMENTS IN THE DIGITAL ERA: INSIDE OUT

Session on “EU Digital Finance and Retail Payments Strategies: Understanding the Big Picture”

A Retail Payments Strategy for the EU

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The Retail Payment Strategy is part of the digital package

- **Adopted** by the College **on 24 September 2020**
- The package includes a Digital Finance Strategy, **a Retail Payments Strategy**, a Regulation on Markets in Crypto-assets (MICA) and a Regulation on Cyber-resiliency (DORA)
- **Payment services play a key role** among digital financial services, being at the cutting edge of innovation and instrumental to support the digital economy. As such, **they require specific policy measures** which are developed in the Retail Payments Strategy.

A Retail Payments Strategy for Europe – why?

- Payments **have become strategic** and are **key** for the **digital economy**
- Digitalization is **irreversible** and has been **accelerated by Covid-19**
- Payments sector is evolving at high-speed, benefiting from innovation, bringing **new opportunities**, but also **new risks**
- The absence of **European champions** and the **predominance of foreign players** (International card schemes, Big Techs) puts at stake **EU's economic and financial autonomy**
- **Fragmentation of the EU retail payments market** prevents citizens and companies from reaping the benefits of instant payments, and **can only be resolved with a strong push from the regulators**

The vision

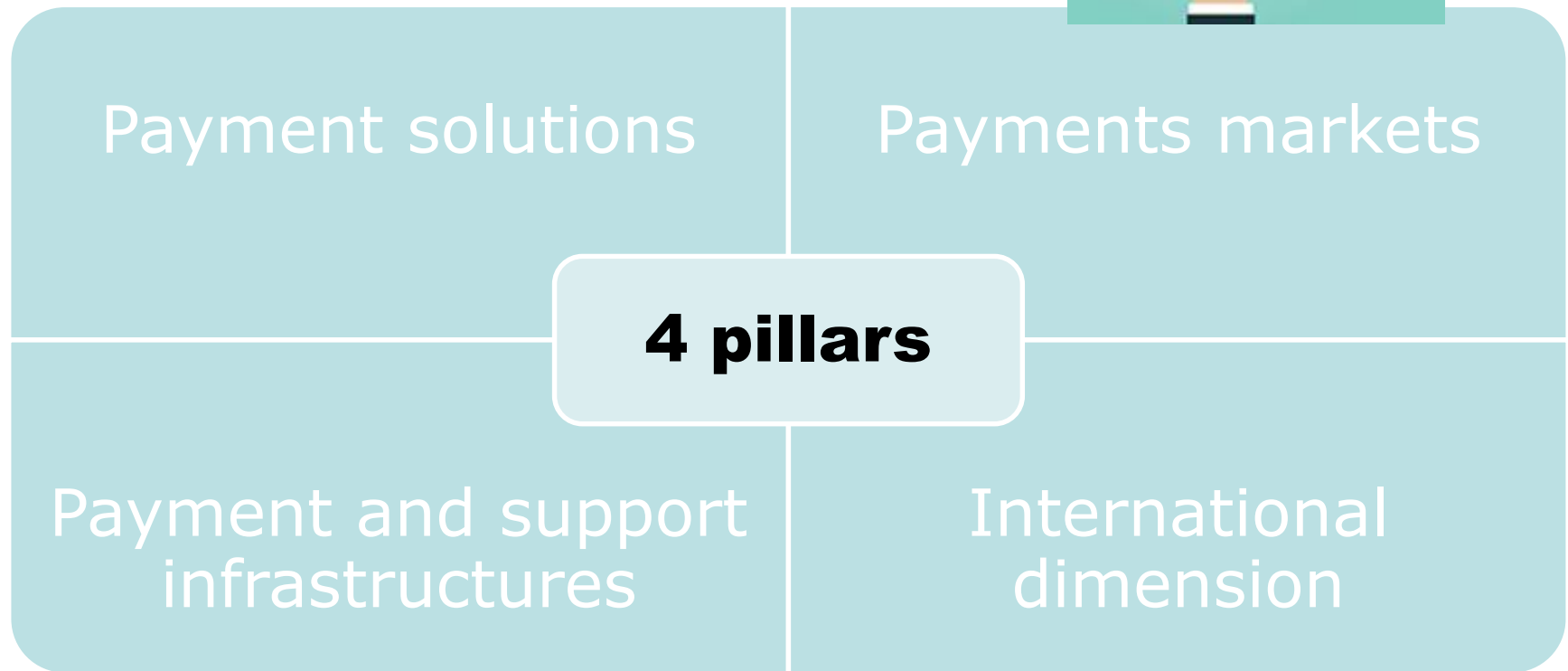
Citizens and companies in Europe benefit from a broad and diversified range of high quality world-class payment services and payment solutions, supported by a competitive and innovative payments market and relying on safe, efficient and accessible infrastructures

Home-grown and pan-European payment solutions are available and support Europe's open and strategic autonomy

Europe significantly contributes to improving the cost efficiency of cross-border payments between the EU and other jurisdictions, thereby supporting the international role of the euro



A comprehensive strategy



European payment solutions that work cross-border



Instant
payments as
the new
normal



European
payment
solutions that
work cross-
border



Leverage e-
ID solutions
for payments



Broaden
acceptance
network for
digital
payments



Maintain
availability
and
acceptance
of cash



Support
issuance of a
digital euro



Competitive and innovative payment markets



Legal
framework
should cover
all important
players



PSD2 and
EM2 should be
further aligned



Full
deployment of
open banking



High level of
consumer
protection



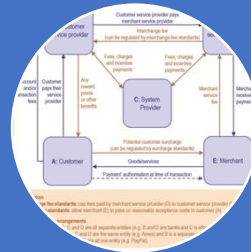
Wide adoption
of SCA and
highest
security
standards



Interoperability and access to payment and technical infrastructures



Interoperability of
clearing and settlement
mechanisms for instant
payments



Access to payment
systems by payment
institutions and e-money
institutions



Access to technical
infrastructures
supporting payments

Improved international payments



Linkages
between EU and
Third countries
payment
systems



Transparency of
cross-border
payments



Global
messaging
standards



SEPA schemes
used for
international
payments



Specific
initiatives on
remittances

