



## **RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK**

**of 28 November 2013**

**on payments statistics**

**(ECB/2013/44)**

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK,

Having regard to the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank, and in particular to Article 5.1 and the third indent of Article 34.1 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2533/98 of 23 November 1998 concerning the collection of statistical information by the European Central Bank<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 8(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2533/98 provides that statistical information may be collected in the area of payments and payments systems statistics. By means of Regulation (EU) No [XX]/2013 of the European Central Bank (ECB/2013/43)<sup>2</sup> the ECB established a framework for collection of payment statistics necessary to fulfill its tasks from payment service providers, electronic money issuers, and payment system operators. These data are essential for identifying and monitoring developments in the payments markets within the Member States, and for assisting in the promotion of the smooth operation of payment systems.
- (2) National central banks (NCBs) of Member States whose currency is not the euro, and who are participating in the framework for collection of payment statistics should cooperate with each other, with NCBs of Member States whose currency is the euro and with the ECB in applying this framework in accordance with Regulation (EU) No [XX]/2013 (ECB/2013/43),

HAS ADOPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION:

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 318, 27.11.1998, p. 8.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) No [XX]/2013 of the European Central Bank of 28 November 2013 on payment statistics (ECB/2013/43). Not yet published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

## **ECB-PUBLIC**

### **I.**

#### **Definitions**

For the purposes of this Recommendation, the terms ‘payment service provider’, ‘electronic money issuer’, and ‘payment system operator’ have the same meaning as defined in Regulation (EU) No [XX]/2013 (ECB/2013/43).

### **II.**

#### **Provision of statistical information**

The addressees of this Recommendation should apply the provisions addressed to the NCBs contained in Regulation (EU) No [XX]/2013 (ECB/2013/43).

### **III.**

#### **Final provision**

This Recommendation is addressed to the NCBs of Member States whose currency is not the euro, insofar as applicable, which are participating in the framework for collection of payment statistics within the ESCB, established under Regulation (EU) No [XX]/2013 (ECB/2013/43).

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 28 November 2013.

[signed]

*The President of the ECB*

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