

PRETA's Open Banking Europe launches QTSP Engagement Group

The initiative brings together the QTSP community on practical topics related to using eIDAS for PSD2 Access to Account services

Paris, 20th September 2019 - [Open Banking Europe](#) formalizes today the creation of a PSD2 QTSP Engagement group started 9 months ago, with the objective to meet monthly to discuss and advise on practical topics related to using eIDAS for PSD2 Access to Account services.

The QTSPs are the Digital certificate issuers used for PSD2 identification, and they are regulated under the eIDAS directive. There is a strong need to raise awareness among the financial community, about qualified certificates, qualified certificate issuing and qualified certificate usage and who is actually issuing these certificates, and so the initiative gives the relevant QTSPs visibility.

Through the QTSPs group, OBE aims to help the QTSPs address common issues, to provide key information and to find practical solutions to topics related to eIDAS certificate in order to help the financial world meet electronic security requirements.

"I very much welcome OBE formalising a group to work with QTSPs on PSD2. The expected use of certificates in the financial regulatory world is as bewildering to the QTSP community as the digital certificate issuing world is to the payments professionals. OBE is doing an excellent job at bridging the gap." said **Nick Pope – vice chair ETSI technical committee on electronic signatures and infrastructures.**

"We have always organised regular meetings with QTSPs but the launch of the QTSPs engagement group comes from a request of our stakeholders to find practical solutions to different topics related to eIDAS certificate that still creates a lot of confusion. I am confident that this will encourage the exchange and a mutual support to clarify some common issues related to PSD2 XS2A identification of parties." said **John Broxis, Managing Director of PRETA/Open Banking Europe.**

Being always attentive to the QTSPs ecosystem, OBE has collaborated with ETSI, the European Telecommunications Standards Institute since the beginning for the development of the eIDAS standards and agreed on a MOU to promote the awareness of relevant standards, practices and legislations for their different stakeholder communities.

The full list of Qualified Trust Service Providers members that have joined the initiative so far is the following:

Aruba PEC S.p.A - Actalis S.p.A
Buypass AS
Harica
InfoCert S.p.A.
MULTICERT - Serviços de Certificação
Electrónica S.A.
První certifikační autorita - ICA
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About PRETA S.A.S.

PRETA S.A.S. was created in 2013 to develop innovative services for digital payment and identity solutions. The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of EBA CLEARING, a provider of pan-European payment solutions.

PRETA's objective is to ensure the protection of digital identities and to provide secure and simple solutions in the online and mobile space. PRETA's pan-European mindset encourages the collaboration of all players with a view to supporting the European digital economy and the Digital Single Market.

PRETA owns and runs MyBank, an e-authorisation solution enabling the exchange of financial and non-financial information among and between payment service providers and other market players. MyBank Payments enables customers to pay online or via mobile channels, directly from their bank account.

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About Open Banking Europe

[Open Banking Europe](#) (OBE) is a PRETA initiative launched in June 2017 with the aim of fostering innovation, competition and efficiency to increase consumer choice and enhance security for online payments in the EU.

To do that, Open Banking Europe brings market players together with the aim to turn regulatory requirements into operational reality and to provide the industry with PSD2 directory services.