

**Over 40 leading financial industry players support
PRETA's pan-European PSD2 access directory**

Paris, 2nd October 2018 - PRETA announced today that over 40 major European financial institutions and service providers have signed up to fund and complete PRETA's pan-European PSD2 access directory.

With the delivery of this directory, PRETA's Open Banking Europe initiative is answering to the market need for a single, standardised, trusted and machine-readable [repository](#) of regulatory data related to third-party providers (TPPs). The directory is an important element in enabling access-to-account (XS2A) services. It will also provide operational data for all regulated account-servicing payment service providers (AS-PSPs) and TPPs in Europe as well as data on qualified trust service providers (QTSPs), which issue the PSD2 eIDAS certificates needed for the identification of TPPs.

"The strong support of our initiative by some of the largest financial institutions, covering all the countries in Europe, shows the vital need for a common and collaborative directory that combines the information from the different national repositories and makes it available in a way that is easy to access and process," said John Broxis Managing Director of PRETA. "The effort required to understand 31 national registries, each holding multiple types of payment service provider information, should not be underestimated, but when you work together and jointly shoulder the effort, the task becomes much easier."

Open Banking Europe brings together different players involved in PSD2 in one single collaborative space with the objective to shape and harmonise PSD2 implementation processes where needed. This is done through workshop, webinars, networking activities and collaborations with external partners, such as [ETSI](#), with whom PRETA has recently agreed an MOU to cooperate and promote PSD2 XS2A-relevant standards.

Thanks to the support and collaboration of all participants, Open Banking Europe has now started to work on other harmonisation and conformance aspects, supporting the industry in its move to open banking.

Parties interested in using the OBE directory are invited to contact PRETA at info@openbankingeurope.eu.



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Here is the list of the financial institutions and service providers participating in the Open Banking Europe initiative: <http://bit.ly/2NWgfAa>

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About PRETA S.A.S.

PRETA S.A.S. was created in 2013 to develop and innovate services for digital payment and identity solutions. The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of EBA CLEARING, a provider of pan-European payment solutions currently owned by 51 shareholder banks.

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 in the co-operative space with a view to supporting the European digital economy and 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.

Please visit the PRETA [website](#) on a regular basis to keep up to date with the latest news.

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 to turn regulatory requirements into operational reality and is working on providing the industry with PSD2 directory services.

The full list of Account-Servicing Payment Service Providers (AS-PSPs) and Third Party Providers (TPPs) that have joined the initiative so far can be found [here](#).