



Application for the Working Group on Payment Initiation as Part of Project Instant Payments Bridge

Application Form for Interested Market Participants

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Part A: Conditions of Participation

The Working Group ("WG") on Payment Initiation is a temporary committee that collaborates on the project Instant Payment Bridge ("IPB") of SIX Interbank Clearing Ltd ("SIC Ltd"). In a first phase, this project aims to define the minimum necessary access criteria, standards and technical components in order to give those interested Payment Solution Providers efficient access to payment processing via the Instant Payment (IP) service in the SIC system.

Those market participants interested in collaborating in the WG on Payment Initiation must, in order to participate, submit a **complete application (including a motivation) by the deadline** and **comply with the corresponding conditions of participation**. In summary, these include the following requirements:

- **Motivation:** A prerequisite for participation is a demonstrated interest in payment initiation and a willingness to support actively its further development and to examine its use and implementation.
- **Active collaboration:** The participant's representative contributes substantially during and outside meetings, prepares and reviews work results by the agreed deadlines and provides timely feedback on questions, documents and decision-making bases.
- **Sufficient resources:** The participants make their representatives available for the meetings and for the work of the WG on Payment Initiation to a sufficient extent in terms of time. As a guideline, taking due account of the size and resources of the respective participants, this corresponds to an average effort of at least two and at most five working days per month. Owing to the project-based way of working, the time required may nevertheless vary according to the progress of the work, the topics at hand and the project phase, and may be distributed unevenly over the term of the working group.
- **Physical attendance:** The meetings are held as required. At the start of the working group's activity they are held at least every two months. The representatives attend the meetings in person on site, taking due account of the location of the respective participants' organizations, as a matter of principle. The meetings are held at SIC Ltd.
- **Professional suitability:** The person appointed has sufficient specialist knowledge. As a guideline, at least three years' relevant professional experience in payments or in data processing via online interfaces is expected.
- **Continuity:** The organization ensures representation that is as continuous as possible. A substitute may be appointed in the event of absence, in particular due to illness, unavoidable business commitments or holidays, provided the substitute is professionally suitable and sufficiently informed.
- **Promotion of the payments ecosystem:** The representative contributes their specific expertise with the aim of helping to develop a functional and needs-based technical solution for the payments ecosystem in Switzerland.

- **Competition law and confidentiality:** Definitive participation is conditional upon signature of the complete terms of participation, including the competition-law rules of conduct and the applicable confidentiality provisions. The requirements set out therein, as well as any mandatory training programmes, must be complied with for the entire duration of participation.
- **Costs:** Any costs and effort associated with participation and collaboration are borne by the participating organization itself.

Part B: Application for Participation

1. Details of the Applicant Organization

Organization	
Address	
Description of the organization	
Participant Category¹	☐ SIC participant/financial institution ☐ Current or potential Payment Solution Provider ☐ Other participants (parties involved in the process chain and/or interested in the IPB that do not see themselves directly in the role of an FI or a Payment Solution Provider)
Contact person for the application	
E-Mail/telephone	

¹ Applicants must indicate the participant category in which they wish to take part in the WG. Applications may be submitted for more than one participant category. However, each institution may assign itself to one participant category only in the WG on Payment Initiation.

2. Designated Substitute (If Already Known)

Surname and first name	
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Function	
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E-mail/telephone	
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Professional experience	
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Relevant specialist expertise	
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Substitute, if envisaged	
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3. Motivation and Contribution to the WG

3.1. Interest in Payment Initiation

Please explain your organization's current interest in the design, further development, use or implementation of payment initiation.

3.2. Expected Contribution

Please describe the functional, technical, process-related or market-related competences and experience that your organization can contribute to the working group.

3.3. Assessment of Potential Implementation or Use

Please describe whether, and within what timeframe, your organization might consider using or implementing the results produced.

4. Confirmations by the Applicant Organization

- ☐ We confirm that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate.
- ☐ We confirm that there is a current and demonstrable interest in payment initiation.
- ☐ We confirm our willingness to contribute actively both during and outside the meetings and, taking into account the location of our organization, to attend the meetings in person on site as a general rule.
- ☐ We undertake to release the aforementioned representative for the work of the working group to a sufficient extent in terms of time.
- ☐ We undertake to nominate a representative with the required specialist knowledge.

5. Submission of the Application

Market participants who are interested in collaborating in the WG on Payment Initiation **are requested to submit their application by 2 November 2026 to the e-mail address consultation-ipb@six-group.com.**

6. Signatures

Organization	
Name and function of the authorized signatory	
Place and date	
Signature	
In the case of joint signature: name and function of the second authorized signatory	
Place and date	
Signature	