

To the network managers of the institutions with a Finance IPNet connection (You will receive this letter as an enclosure to a letter from your carrier)

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## Coordination regarding the discontinuation of Finance IPNet

Dear Sir or Madam,

As you will already be aware from other information channels, SIX will discontinue the Finance IPNet access channel to the infrastructure services of the Swiss financial center as of the end of September 2024. The SIC/euroSIC and SECOM services will no longer be accessible via Finance IPNet as of June 2024. This means that companies using Finance IPNet connections will have to switch completely to alternative connections. According to our information, your company is one of them.

For the services that can currently be accessed via Finance IPNet (<u>see instructions</u><sup>1</sup>), SIX offers alternative access paths. We recommend that you take this opportunity to analyze and, if necessary, optimize your connections to the SIX services as part of this switchover. With regard to the remaining changeover period, timely planning and budgeting is necessary.

One of the access channels is the Secure Swiss Finance Network (SSFN), launched in 2021 and based on SCION technology. With SSFN, the Swiss financial center has – among other access paths – a new, secure, flexible and resilient communication service that replaces Finance IPNet. We therefore recommend that you use SSFN. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.six-group.com/ssfn.">www.six-group.com/ssfn.</a>

Please contact your responsible service manager at your carrier. Your carrier well informed about the discontinuation of Finance IPNet as an access channel and the consequences for its customers, which is why we are communicating together.

Both your carrier and SIX will closely accompany and monitor the switchover activities with you. In this context, we therefore ask you to consent to the transmission of your connection and contact data to SIX via the carrier. Alternatively, we kindly ask you to contact us directly.

We thank you for your contribution to a smooth and trouble-free switchover.

Yours faithfully,

Daniel Grimm Carrier Management

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.six-group.com/dam/download/banking-services/interbank-clearing/en/payment\_services/IPNet/key-info-finance-ipnet-user-en.pdf