

To the Trade Press:

**Continous Growth now with 47 members from 11 countries
NETS from Danmark and Cetrel from Luxemburg among recent members**

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Last week, the small, but very experienced Luxemburg Payment Provider “Cetrel” joined as the newest member to the EPSM – the European Association of Payment Service Providers for Merchants (EPSM). After its founding in April 2005, the EPSM has grown continuously to now 47 members without any membership cancellations.

Its current 34 voting members are mainly European credit card acquirers, payment network operators and internet payment providers. The additional 13 non-voting members are processors and IT service providers, but include also the payment organisations American Express, Cartes Bancaires, MasterCard and Visa Europe.

About the EPSM:

The EPSM is an Internet-based interest representation of “merchant looking” service providers. The small association is in regular contact with the EU-Commission, the ECB, the card organisations and national organisations. The EPSM is a member of the “Payment Systems Market Group (PSMG)” of the European Commission.

Its activities for members include quarterly meetings with external speakers, general information by E-Mail, a homepage with a non-public “EPSM Intranet”, a monthly “EPSM Market Research Newsletter”, a quarterly “EPSM Competition Newsletter” and an “EPSM Regulation Expert Group”.

Further information is available at the EPSM website:

www.epsm.eu

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