

# EBA Summer School 2026

**The Edge of Tomorrow:  
Digital money in an era of constant change**

**Nice, France – 30 June to 2 July**



Some of the **questions to be tackled** during the EBA Summer School 2026 include:

- ⇒ How are key topics in payments such as digital currency, digital identity, instant payments, and risk management reshaping the payments industry?
- ⇒ Given the competing priorities banks face, how should banks prioritise operational investments?
- ⇒ How are concerns about risk management shaping strategic decisions about ownership, technology, and operations?

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## Programme outline EBA Summer School 2026:

### Tuesday, 30 June

<b>From 16:00</b>	<b>Delegate arrival and check-in</b>
<b>17:00</b>	<b>Optional:</b> self-guided sightseeing tour through Nice – we provide you with a map and information
<b>19:15</b>	<b>Drinks reception</b> An early opportunity for delegates to meet each other and the EBA Summer School faculty in a relaxed atmosphere
<b>19:30</b>	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> An informal welcome to the delegates with a brief explanation of the main activities and expectations for the next two days
<b>20:00</b>	<b>BBQ dinner at the hotel</b>

### Wednesday, 1 July (at Accenture premises)

<b>8:30</b>	<b>Depart by bus for Accenture premises</b>
<b>9:00</b>	Arrival and coffee
<b>9:10</b>	<b>EBA Summer School overview and introduction of team challenges</b>
<b>9:20</b>	<b>Keynote panel: What are “digital” payments?</b> What, exactly, are the key aspects of digital payments, and which different types are there?
<b>10:20</b>	Short break
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Strategic decision frameworks</b> Banks use many frameworks for developing and evaluating strategic alternatives. This session will present some common frameworks and how they are employed.
<b>11:30</b>	Short break
<b>11:45</b>	<b>Know your token: A practical guide to digital currency classification</b> The EBA’s Digital Currency Working Group has developed a taxonomy of digital currencies to promote understanding and underpin strategic thinking. In this session we will hear from a member of the Working Group about their motivations, classifications, and how members are using this tool.
<b>12:45</b>	Lunch
<b>13:45</b>	<b>Strategy in the era of digital currency</b> In this lively session, a sceptical bank-focused business leader and a pro-stablecoin technologist debate whether stablecoins are a threat or a new strategic rail for payments innovation. Participants will be challenged to decide if, when, and how their institutions should integrate, issue, or actively avoid digital currency as part of their digital payments roadmap.
<b>14:45</b>	Short break
<b>15:00</b>	<b>Legacy as leverage: A case study in unlocking hidden value</b> Banks often reuse existing systems to solve new problems. This provocative case study will illustrate how one bank developed and implemented a conscious strategy to repurpose instead of building anew.
<b>16:00</b>	Depart by bus for hotel
<b>16:30</b>	<b>Time to work on team challenges</b> Using all the ideas and outputs from the day, teams to begin work on their allocated topics
<b>17:30</b>	Free time
<b>19:30</b>	Dinner

## Thursday, 2 July (at hotel)

<b>7:00</b>	<b>Optional:</b> 5k run along Nice's Promenade des Anglais
<b>8:00</b>	Breakfast
<b>8:45</b>	<p><b>Review and look ahead</b></p> <p>A summary of the main topics and learnings from the previous day, and a look ahead to the day's activities.</p>
<b>9:00</b>	<p><b>Risky business: Making decisions about fraud and risk management</b></p> <p>Risk management is inherently uncertain, especially as payment rails proliferate. Learn about the best ways to formulate strategic responses to payment rail convergence (instant payments, cards, CBDC) and geopolitics.</p>
<b>9:45</b>	<p><b>The great convergence: When wallets, identity and payments collide</b></p> <p>Between the Digital Euro and the European Digital Identity (EUDI) Regulation we stand at the start of a new era of payments. How do these two initiatives reinforce each other and what impact will they have on payments in Europe?</p>
<b>10:30</b>	Break
<b>10:45</b>	<p><b>Time to work on team challenges</b></p> <p>Another opportunity for syndicate groups to work on their team challenges in preparation for the afternoon's presentations</p>
<b>11:45</b>	<p><b>A few euros more: Choosing a digital currency strategy</b></p> <p>With the latest developments in stablecoins, digital euro, and commercial bank money tokens, banks are challenged to chart the right course. What tools are available and being used to make investment decisions?</p>
<b>12:30</b>	Buffet lunch
<b>13:30</b>	<p><b>Time to work on team challenges</b></p> <p>Final working session in syndicate groups to prepare a presentation on the allocated team challenges. Each table group to prepare a 5-minute presentation to a panel of EBA Summer School contributors</p>
<b>14:30</b>	<p><b>Team challenges – presentations to lecturer panel</b></p> <p>Syndicate groups to present their outcomes to the lecturer panel, who will question and challenge the delegates' thinking</p>
<b>15:30</b>	<p><b>Personal planning and feedback – judges deliberate</b></p> <p>Delegates to review the outcomes from the EBA Summer School, record their learning and personal actions and provide feedback on the programme</p>
<b>15:45</b>	<p><b>Team challenges – results and summary</b></p> <p>The Chair will announce the winning syndicate group for the team challenge and provide a final summary on the key issues emerging from the 2026 Summer School.</p>
<b>16:00</b>	<b>End of EBA Summer School</b>

## Logistical information

### Venue

The location for the EBA Summer School is the Radisson Blu Hotel in Nice, situated on the well-known Promenade des Anglais. The hotel is located 4 kilometres from Nice Côte d'Azur International Airport and 5 kilometers from the train station and city centre:

#### Radisson Blu Hotel, Nice

223 Prom. des Anglais  
06200 Nice

France

[Website](#)



The venue combines a high standard of modern bedroom and conference facilities, together with areas for refreshments, dining and relaxation.

### Price

- Price for **EBA Members**: EUR 2,550 for registrations received by 17 April (afterwards, EUR 2,750);
- Price for **non-members**: EUR 2,950.

The price includes all training activities, learning materials, meals and two nights of accommodation.

Full payment needs to be made in advance; we recommend registering promptly as the EBA Summer School tends to sell out quickly.

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