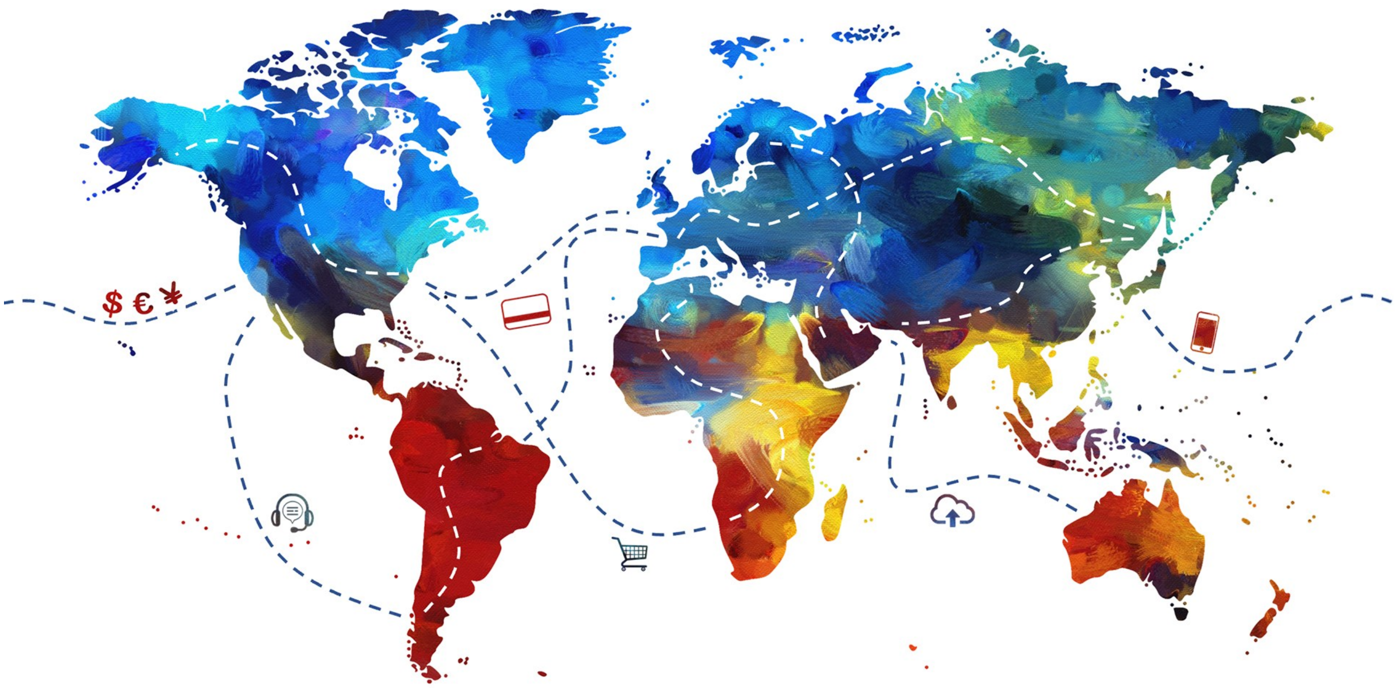
EBA Global Seminar 2026

Miami, USA, 24 and 25 September

"Global Payments: Instant. Digital. Smart. Embedded"



The **EBA Global Seminar "Global Payments: Instant. Digital. Smart. Embedded"** will assess the current status of real-time payment and open finance initiatives in and outside of the Americas and Europe.

What are the strategic imperatives and what can we learn from the developments in these markets?

During the seminar, speakers from the Americas, Asia and Europe will provide an in-depth insight and understanding into the fast-changing world of real-time payments and open finance, and the key commercial, technological, security and user challenges facing banks and their partners in embracing these changes.

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Thursday, 24 September 2026

1:00 pm	**Arrival and Registration** Delegates arrival and check-in
2:00 pm	**Welcome and Introduction** A brief welcome to the delegates to outline the key activities and highlights for the seminar **Thomas Egner, Secretary General, EBA, interviewed by Leo Lipis, EBA Global Seminar Chair**
2:15 pm	**Seize the Day: Global Payments Report 2026** The payments industry always reflects global market trends, including evolving customer expectations, technological advances, geopolitical changes, and heightened regulatory scrutiny. To thrive, the industry must adapt swiftly and decisively. This keynote session will discuss these trends and how the industry is adapting. **Max Zevin, Partner, BCG**
3:00 pm	**Modernizing the Payments Estate: A Decision Framework for the Multi-Rail Era** Most institutions now operate instant, high-value, card, and emerging digital-money rails side by side, and each addition brings new fraud controls, new compliance obligations, and fresh technical debt. Stablecoins and tokenized deposits are the newest test of this pattern: treated as a separate capability, they quietly duplicate the entire estate a second time. This session offers a practical, vendor-neutral framework for deciding what to modernize, in what sequence, and at what pace, weighing progressive renovation against rail-by-rail replacement and full consolidation across the dimensions of cost, risk, time to value, and future optionality. Drawing on adoption patterns across Europe and the Americas, it shares the trade-offs, the common pitfalls, and the signals that point to the right path for a given institution. Attendees leave with a decision aid they can take straight to their own modernization committee. **Rachel Hunt, Head of Growth ACI Connetic, ACI Worldwide**
3:45 pm	Coffee Break
4:30 pm	**Fraud Prevention in Global Payments** As banks, regulators, and market infrastructures continue to crack down on fraud, criminals increasingly increasing turn to cross-border payments. This panel will address fraud prevention, detection, and management in global payments and the role of global verification of payee services. **Kannan Rasappan, CEO, Banfico and Marc Trepanier, Director—Analytics & Optimization, Fraud & Financial Crime, ACI Worldwide**
5:15 pm	**No Off Switch: Liquidity in the Real-Time Era** With money moving at the speed of real time, managing liquidity around the clock has never been more critical—or more complex. This lively panel explores how banks, fintechs, and market infrastructures are rethinking tools, data, and partnerships to keep global payments flowing 24/7. • **Juan Adams, Head of LATAM Liquidity & Account Solutions, Payments, J.P. Morgan** • **Henrik Lang, Global Head of Liquidity Management, Bank of America** • **Carl Slabicki, Head of Commercial, Global Payments and Trade, BNY (inv.)** **Moderator: Leo Lipis, EBA Summer School Chair**
6:30 pm	**Drinks Reception** An opportunity for delegates to meet each other and the EBA Global Seminar faculty in a social setting.
7:00 pm	**Dinner**

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Friday, 25 September 2026

8:30 am	**Arrival and Coffee**
9:00 am	**Summary of Day 1 and Preview of Day 2** A summary of the main topics and learnings from the previous day, and a look ahead to the day's sessions. **Leo Lipis, EBA Global Seminar Chair**
9:05 am	**Assets Without Borders: The Digital Asset Shift in Cross-Border Payments** From stablecoins to tokenized deposits, digital assets are reshaping how value moves across borders. This session explores real-world use cases, regulatory developments, and the technologies bringing faster, cheaper, and more transparent cross-border payments to life. **Brent Stephens, Product Executive, Wells Fargo**
9:50 am	**Rerouting the Rails: The Role of Low-Value Clearing Systems in Cross-Border Payments** Alternative operating models are reshaping cross-border payments, from linkages between infrastructure operators to stablecoins to next-gen correspondent, card network, and wallet-based structures. This panel explores how these models improve speed, cost, and transparency, and what they mean for banks, fintechs, and customers navigating an increasingly borderless payments landscape. • **Steve Naudè, Managing Director, Wise Platform** • **Michael Boel, Director and Co-Head of Clearing Technology, Banking Circle** • **Erwin Kulk, Head of Service Development and Management, EBA CLEARING** • **Stacy Rosenthal, Vice President, Global Payments, PayPal** **Moderator: Leo Lipis, Global Seminar Chair**
11:00 am	**Break and Networking Time**
11:45 am	**Building the Future of Payments: Ghana's Digital Leap** Ghana has rapidly modernized its national payments infrastructure to enable faster, more secure, and more inclusive digital transactions. This presentation highlights the country's progress and roadmap for real-time payments, interoperability, and innovation—and what its progress reveals about the future of payments in emerging markets. **Archie Hesse, former CEO of GhIPPS**
12:30 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	**Open Banking Innovation in Mexico** Mexico has a thriving and innovative Fintech scene that is creating momentum in one of the largest financial services markets in the Americas. This session will illuminate how non-banks are driving innovation in payments and lending and having a positive impact on financial inclusion and economic digitalization. **Sebastian de Lara Gomis, Chief Regulation and Expansion Officer, Finsus**
2:45 pm	**The Lived Experience of Faster Payments in the USA** The United States has taken a broader definition of faster payments than most countries, focusing on the user experience instead of strict real-time settlement. This session will explore how the user experience is evolving in the United States and the factors that are driving these changes. **Peter Tapling, Vice Chair, US Faster Payments Council**
3:30 pm	**Closing Comments and Feedback** Review of the day, its lessons and its implications for the delegates' future work **Leo Lipis, EBA Global Seminar Chair**
4:00 pm	**End of the EBA Global Seminar 2026**

Logistical information

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Miami, FL 33130
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For EBA Members: EUR 1,150; for non-members: EUR 1,500. The price includes all seminar activities, materials, and meals. It does not include accommodation. Full payment will need to be made in advance.

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