

Debit Instruments Electronic Processing**20 December 2006**

Project Objective: To abolish paper processing of debit instruments.

PWG Interim Report: Design of a comprehensive plan to bring debit instruments under electronic processing.

Motivation: To improve client service standards (value dates dropping from 9 to 2) and achieve significant cost benefits.

Convergence Assessment

Issue: Paperless settlement of debit instruments is a key step in the modernization of Romania's financial system.

Proposal: Document is a comprehensive master plan to implement electronic processing, addressing technical, security, customer service standards and regulatory changes prepared under the leadership of Romania's payment system agency.

Process: After several inconclusive attempts to improve the present decentralized paper processing of debit instruments, the creation of a public-private working group under SPI Committee aegis seems to have catalyzed the energy of stakeholders: Transfond has taken the technical leadership and the banking community has committed to implementing electronic processing. NBR PWG membership is key to ensuring alignment of regulatory adjustment process in parallel with definition of technical parameters and implementation arrangements.

Proposed SPI Committee Decision:

- To endorse beginning of second detailed implementation phase as recommended by PWG.
- To ask PO to establish a list of critical implementation issues and to communicate it to the SPI Committee by January 15.
- To ask PO for an interim progress report (February).
- To instruct the SPI Secretariat to act accordingly.