# SEPA COUNTRY SPECIFIC INFORMATION

# SLOVAKIA

Cash Management & eBanking

The aim of the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA) project is to unify the rules and standards of Euro payments (credit transfers and direct debits). The principal objective of SEPA is practically to abolish the borders for Euro payments. Within SEPA the consumers, corporates and other economic entities will be able to send and receive Euro payments within one country, or among the respective countries under the same conditions, rights and duties without regard to the country, in which they have their accounts opened.

This document provides an overview of all country specific information you need in order to successfully overcome the challenges of SEPA and achieve a seamless migration. Being fully informed and properly equipped with the necessary tools, you will be able to fully realize the potential all new SEPA instruments will bring.

Basic information about SEPA in Slovakia you can find on the website of the National Bank of Slovakia
***http://www.nbs.sk/sk/platobne-systemy/sepa***

## END-DATE INFORMATION

SEPA has become a regulatory project, the mandatory **end-date** was agreed for **1st of February 2014**. The main technical and business requests for SEPA credit transfers and SEPA Direct Debit according to the Regulation (EU) no. 260/2012:

- **Communication between banks and SIPS (Slovak Interbank Payment System) in local formats via SEPA convertor**:
  Till: 31st of January 2014
- **Communication between banks and SIPS only in ISO 20022 XML formats**
  Since: 1st of February 2014
- **Communication between customers and banks in ISO 20022 XML format with exceptions***
  Since: 1st of February 2014 - till 31st of January 2016
- **Communication between customers and banks in ISO 20022 XML format without exceptions***
  Since: 1st of February 2016
- **BIC as an optional data for customers**
  Since: 1st of February 2014 - for domestic transactions
  Since: 1st of February 2016 - for cross-border transactions
- **Niche products:**
  there are no niche products in Slovakia
- **Conversion services for consumers** (customers can send orders to the bank in currently used formats and bank will convert them to the xml format):
  Till: 31st of January 2016

***Exceptions:**

a) **for using the IBAN.** The customer will keep using the account number in the form of the BBAN (Basic Bank Account Number) and the bank will convert it to the IBAN (International Bank Account Number).

b) **for using XML** messaging formats . The corporates will be allowed to use the existing formats. During the transition period the bank will support the existing formats extended by the mandatory fields of SEPA standard.

## IBAN CONVERSION SERVICE

- **conversion tools offered by UniCredit Bank Slovakia a.s.**

UniCredit Bank Slovakia a.s. has developed a proprietary conversion service - an IBAN to-and-from method - able to determine and update IBAN and BIC for the accounts held with us.

- **IBAN structure**

In Slovakia, the IBAN is composed of 24 characters, structured as follows:

  - Positions 1 to 2: ISO country code (**SK** for Slovakia)
  - Positions 3 to 4: check digits
  - Positions 5 to 8: bank identifier (bank code e.g. **1111** in case of UniCredit Bank Slovakia a.s.)
  - Characters 9 to 24: account number*
    - maximum 6 digits for a prefix
    - maximum 10 digits for a main account number

** please note that some Slovak account numbers can have less digits than maximum; in this case '0' should be added on the left side in order to reach the 16 characters (e.g. the account number with the prefix 0000190000123123; the account number without prefix 0000001234567890)*

## SEPA PRODUCTS

### Domestic products

- domestic EUR credit transfers will have to be migrated to SEPA Credit Transfers (SCT)
- domestic direct debits will have to be migrated to SEPA Direct Debits - SDD Core or SDD B2B

### COMPARISON - Credit Transfer in local format vs. SEPA Credit Transfer

| | **Credit Transfer in local format** | **SEPA Credit Transfer** |
|---|---|---|
| **Coverage area** | only for domestic payments | For domestic payments<br>and cross-border payments within SEPA countries |
| **IBAN / BIC** | BBAN and National Bank Code of beneficiary required | IBAN / BIC* of beneficiary required |
| **Transactions** | Interbank transactions in EUR currency only; creditor account in SK bank only | SHA fees only, EUR currency only, creditor account in SEPA banks; |
| **Execution date** | Debit: at execution date,<br>Credit: intra-bank: D+0**<br>standard payments to other banks: D+1**<br>urgent payments to other bank D+0** | Debit: at execution date,<br>Credit:<br>**intra-bank**: D+0**<br>**EEA**<br>standard paymentsD+1**<br>urgent payments D+0**<br>**Outside of EEA, paper based payments**<br>Standard value date D+2**<br>urgent D+1** |
| **Payment identification** | Variable symbol, specific symbol, constant symbol | End To End Reference |

** BIC mandatory for domestic payments till 1st of February 2014 and for cross-border payments till 1st of February 2016;*
***working days*

### COMPARISON - Direct Debits in local format vs. SEPA Direct Debits

SDD is a new standard for receivables collection, for EUR payments only, characterized by two different schemes : CORE and B2B, from the 1st of February 2014 which the bank will accept also for local payments. The process is based on a mandate signed by the debtor/payer and presented to the creditor/payee. The mandate content is standardized and must be issued in the local language of the debtor. SDD service will be specially contracted, i.e. only the payee with whom the bank will make an agreement, will be able to use it.

While designing your migration approach, make sure you understand the related impact, as also summarized below:

| Criteria | Direct Debit in local format | SDD Core | SDD B2B |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Allowance of SDD collection** | local format does not contain all necessary data to allow SDD | yes | |
| **Region** | only domestic (SK) | domestic and cross border | domestic and cross border |
| **Format** | Local “KV” format | ISO 20022 XML | ISO 20022 XML |
| **Sequence Type** | N/A | first / recurrent / one-off | first / recurrent / one-off |
| **Eligible debtor** | consumer and non-consumer | consumer and non-consumer | non-consumer only |
| **Submission** and due date** | paid after acceptance of collection request by the debtor bank | D-5 (first / one-off) D-2 (recurrent) | D-1 (all) |
| **Mandate management** | Debit mandate flow mandate kept by the debtor bank | mandate kept by the creditor | mandate kept by the creditor and by the debtor bank |
| **Refunds** | no refund is possible for an authorized DD - it is irrevocable 13 months for an unauthorized transaction | unconditional refund right within 8 weeks, following the date of debit; 13 months for an unauthorized transaction | no refund possible |
| **Mandate checking** | Mandate checking is mandatory for the debtor bank; Mandate contains a maximum collection limit also | Mandate will be stored and has to be checked by debtor's bank in case of “conditionally protected” client account | mandate must be stored at debtor's bank before the first collection and checked by debtor bank with every debit entry |
| **Pre-notification** | N/A | 14 days before due date | 14 days before due date |

## SEPA CREDITOR IDENTIFIER (CID)

- **CID for Slovakia** is structured as follows:
  - Positions 1 to 2: ISO country code (**SK** for Slovakia)
  - Positions 3 to 4: check digits
  - Positions 5 to 7: Creditor Business Code (to be assigned by creditor, by default 'ZZZ')
  - Characters 8 to 18: Creditor National Identifier for the creditor, numbered in consecutive ascending order; beginning with digit 7 from the left side (e.g. 70000000025)

- **How to get a Creditor Identifier?**

The creditors are registered with a standardized, unique and harmonizes identification number **CID** (Creditor Identifier). CID is a prerequisite of SEPA Direct Debit.

The payee shall ask his bank for the CID, any of the several, and he can use for the direct debit only one CID regardless of the bank and the account, from which the direct debit is effected. The list of the CID is managed by the National Bank of Slovakia.

## MANDATE INFORMATION

**Mandate Migration**

Based on the Regulation (EU) no. 260/2012 a continuity clause for existing mandates has been enabled:

- the existent mandates, given by debtors to their banks until the 1st of February 14 remain valid for SDD Core
- for SDD B2B will always be required the signature of a new mandate

Migration rules:

Since the 1st of February 2014 the banks will implement the protection of the payer accounts in accordance with SEPA standards as follows:

- Accounts fully open to any direct debit or
- Conditionally protected accounts, i.e. the accounts open to the direct debit, which the payer agreed with in advance or
- the accounts closed to any direct debits.

In Slovakia the banks will migrate all payer accounts as conditionally protected accounts on the 1st of February 2014.

**COUNTRY SPECIFIC FORMATS** are based on local “KV” format which is used by all domestic banks.

**Overview of Products related to Domestic Formats**

Direct debits in Slovakia are largely used as payment collection instruments and are generally processed in local “KV” format. The same file format is used for domestic credit transfers.

| Type | Description | End date | Target Product and Specifics / Formats |
|---|---|---|---|
| **HD:32 and HD:12 / local “KV” format via SIPS** | Used for request for collection and direct debit | 31st of January 2014 | SDD CORE and SDD B2B /XML |
| **HD:11 / local “KV” format via SIPS** | used for domestic credit transfers | 31st of January 2014 | SCT /XML |
| **SWIFT MT103 - to TARGET2** | used for urgent payments | no end date has been defined so far | MT103 - to TARGET2 |

## XML related Payment Initiation, Booking Information and account statements

| | XML urgent pain.001 | pain.001 | pain.002 | pain.008 | camt.052 | camt.053 | camt.054 | camt.086 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Availability at Unicredit Bank SK** | yes | yes | no | yes | yes | yes | no | no |

## REMITTANCE INFORMATION

Unstructured remittance information (140 characters) is recommended. E2E reference is conventionally used for reconciliation purposes in SK.

## CHANNELS FOR SEPA PAYMENT INITIATION

| | SEPA Credit transfer | SEPA Direct Debit CORE /B2B | Other transfers in XML format |
|---|---|---|---|
| MultiCash | Yes | Yes | No |
| Business Net Professional | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| EuropeanGate | Yes | No | Yes |
| Paper based | Yes | No | Yes |

## CUT-OFF-TIMES

| | SEPA Credit Transfer | SDD Core | SDD B2B |
|---|---|---|---|
| **COT *** | 21:30 CET | 08:00 CET | 08:00 CET |
| **Presentation day *** | same day | D-6 / D-3 / D-2<br>first / one-off / recurrent | D-2 |

**under discussion*

There is no multilateral interchange fee (MIF) per item in Slovakia.

## ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL SERVICES

- **Migration of symbols to the E2E reference**

  If customers want to use for payment identification the variable, specific and constant symbols also in the new XML formats, they will have to use the following Slovak convention "/VS[N10]/SS[N10]/KS[N4]" and enter these data into the E2E reference,

  while
  - /VS[N10] – is a variable symbol consisting of ten digits
  - /SS[N10] – is a specific symbol consisting of ten digits
  - /KS[N4] - is a constant symbol consisting of four digits

  The observance of this convention will ensure that also the customers, who will not convert to the XML standards since the 1st of February 2014, can keep reconciling the payments according to the currently used symbols.

## VALUE ADDED SERVICES

UniCredit Bank Slovakia a.s. is also able to provide you with additional value-added service, such as:

- **The conversion of the BBAN to the IBAN** – the bank will convert it on request of customers. The customers shall give to the bank the BBANs in the .xls files and the bank will convert them to the IBANs.

- **SEPA Messages**

  UniCredit Bank Slovakia is supporting for customers these types of messages:
  - Pain.001 – Customer Credit Transfer Initiation
  - Pain.008 - Customer Debit Initiation
  - Camt.052, Camt.053 - electronic account statements, Slovak national standard

  *http://www.iso20022.org/payments_messages.page*

  *http://www.europeanpaymentscouncil.eu/*

## Paper statement

Statements for domestic SEPA transactions will be enhanced to contain maximum 6 lines. For SEPA credit transfers the structure of statement details will remain same as for current credit transfers with following changes:

- 1st line - symbols (variable, constant, specific) will be displayed on the statements in the same way as now, if they are available.
- 2nd line - counter party account numbers will be replaced by IBANs, counter party bank codes will be replaced by BIC codes
- 3rd line - if symbols are not available, E2E reference will appear in the 3rd line, unless it contains default value "NOTPROVIDED", E2E reference will be followed by Payment Information ID
- 4th – 6th line will be narrative containing following information
- Return/rejection reason text
- reference of original transaction being returned/rejected
- Remittance information

If the total length of statement information exceeds the space available for statement details, it will be truncated.

## SEPA a elektronické bankovníctvo

Unicredit Bank Czech Republic and Slovakia supports in all electronic banking channels Sepa Credit Transfers (SCT) and Sepa Direct Debits (SDD) payment orders

Bank still supports all existing formats of input formats in electronic banking systems toll February 1, 2016.
Decision for change of existing electronic banking format to xml format is on the customer. We suggest to our customers always ask bank for testing procedure before such change and after confirmation from bank side that new format is acceptable, to provide such change.

Description of xml formats you can find directly in this document for each electronic banking channel.
After suggested test process of input xml file customer can start use it after February 1, 2014. It is important to implement the special input format for concrete electronic banking channel, details you can find in the format decryption for concrete electronic banking channel.

In case that customer would like to receive from February 1, 2014, account statement camt.053 (xml format), customer has to ask bank for such service via his responsible relationship manager. Bank suggest to have parallel delivery of existing format of account statement and camt.053 and only based on non-problem reconciliation process based on camt.053 ask bank for cancelation of delivery of old account statement format. The decision can be taken individually by each customer, so Bank offer to its customer enough time for testing period and adoption of ERP systems to new xml format.

## MultiCash

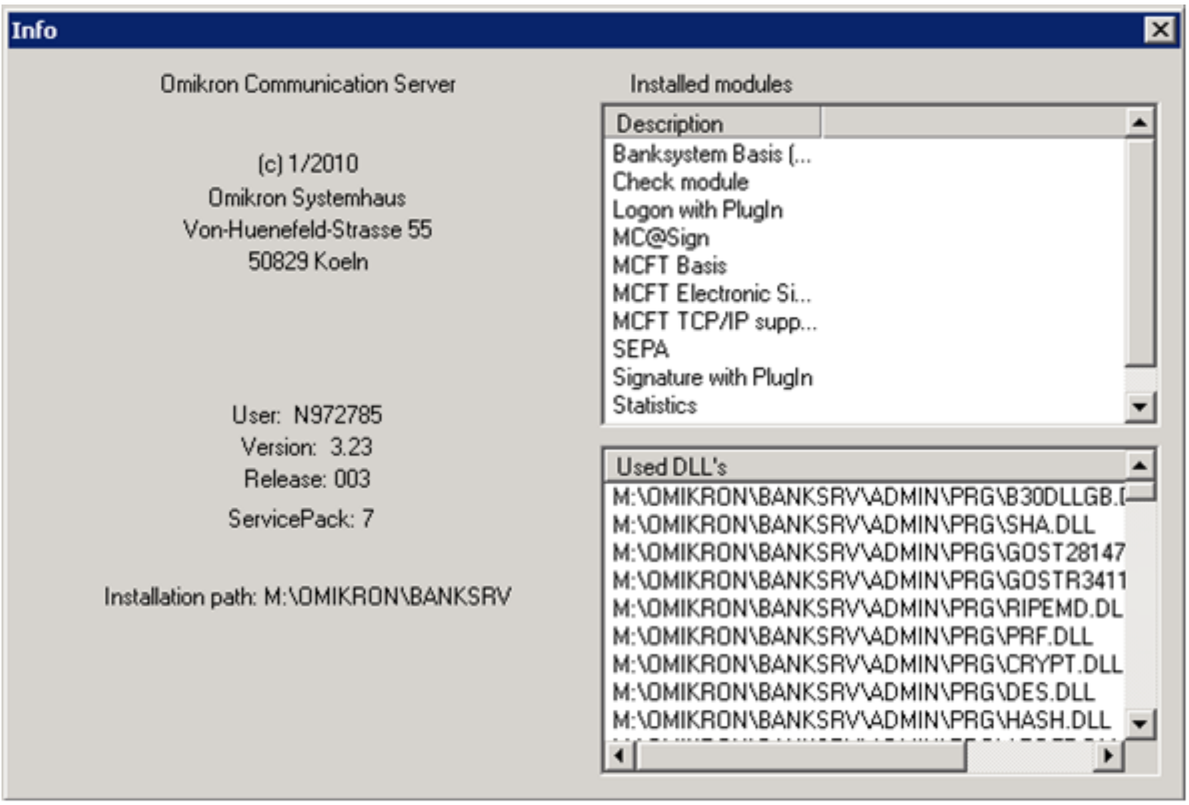
In case customer would like to send to the Bank from February 1, 2014 Sepa Credit Transfers and Sepa Direct Debits (SCT and SDD), it is necessary, **that customer have to ask the Bank via responsible relationship manager for installation of SEPA module into Multicash customer application.**

**Installation of SEPA module will be charged according valid Tariff if charges for Corporate customers.**
In case customer has SEPA module from other bank we suggest to contact our bank to clarify, that version of SEPA module installed in his application is compatible and able to communicate without problems with our server MultiCash version.

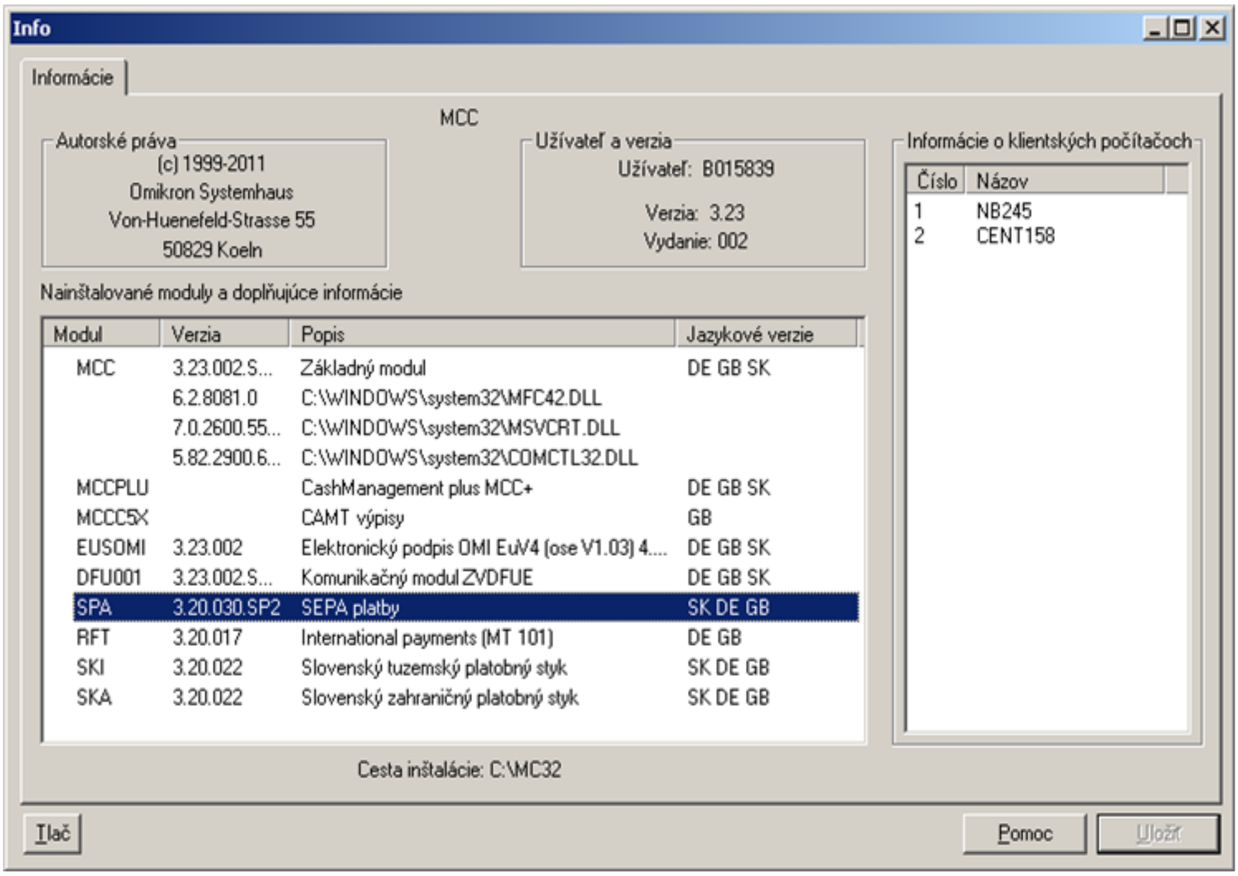
Customer  can contact our Bnak either via responsible relationship manager, or send email to email address *multicash@unicreditgroup.sk* or call +421 905 455 883, +421 905 470 999.

Bank supports following version on server MultiCash side and SEPA module on customer side for non-problem communication:

**Version  MultiCash server –**bank use from  01.02.2014  **version 3.23.003 SP7**



**Version of Multicash customer application –** in case customer would like to send SCT and SDD via Multicash to Bank, latest before February 1, 2014 **SEPA Modul 3.20.030 SP2 has to be installed on his Multicash application.**




## Description of input format for MultiCash:

***SEPA Credit Transfer – english language***

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Credit Transfer impor

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***SEPA Direct Debit – english language***

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***SEPA Credit Transfer – example***

SEPA CT
pain.001.001.03 2TF

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***SEPA Direct Debit – example***

SEPA DD
pain.008.001.02 2TF

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**New information on MT 940 account statement from input xml file, necessary for reconciliation process**

Bank will delivered following structure of information:

**MT940 structured local standard**

For SEPA credit transfers the structure of statement details will remain same as for current credit transfers with following changes:

- Remittance information will start in the subfield ?24 and will contain following information (if available) in following order :
- E2E reference – if E2E reference is “NOTRPOVIDED”, it will not appear on the statement
- Delimiter
- Payment Information ID
- Delimiter
- Return/rejection reason text
- reference of original transaction being returned/rejected
- Remittance information

If the space of the subfields ?26-?29 is not sufficient, information will continue in the subfields ?60 - ?63

**MT940 unstructured**

For SEPA credit transfers the structure of statement details will remain same as for current credit transfers with following changes:

- Counter party account numbers will be replaced by IBANs
- Counter party bank codes will be replaced by BIC codes
- Symbols (variable, constant, specific) will be displayed on the statements in the same way as now. If symbols are not available, E2E reference will appear on the statements instead, unless it contains default value “NOTPROVIDED”. Pretext for E2E reference will be “E2E:”
- Narrative fields will be replaced by remittance information containing following information (if available) delimited by “//”:
- Payment Information ID
- Return/rejection reason text
- reference of original transaction being returned/rejected
- Remittance information

If the total length of statement information exceeds the space available for IZV statement details, it will be truncated.

**Account statement camt .053**

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The camt account statements are generating according Slovak norm defined by SBA:

***Description of norm camt.03 according SBA:***

anglXML_struktura_SK.xls

anglXML_standard_SK.doc

anglXML_vypis_transakcne_kody_SK.xls

The files are located in the attachments of this PDF document.

# BusinessNet Professional

Bank allow to its customers to import from February 1, 2014, Sepa Credit Transfers (also for Domestic paymets ) and Sepa Direct Debits in xml format.

In case of any further questions for these related questions for import payments in xml format and download account statement in xml format please contact your relationship manager. In case you need to delivery camt account statement camt.053 or send to us email to email address *eb.klienti@unicreditgroup.sk.*

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