

Press release

## **Sopra Steria supports the European Payments Council and becomes the Homologation Body for the SEPA Request-to-Pay Scheme**

**Paris, 09 September 2021 - Sopra Steria, a European leader in consulting, digital services and software development, and its subsidiary Galitt, specialized in payments, have announced that they have been awarded a new contract by the European Payments Council (EPC). The Group will become the Homologation Body for applicants to the SEPA Request-to-Pay (SRTP) scheme.**

**Etienne Goosse, Director General of the European Payments Council (EPC):** *"We welcome the appointment of Sopra Steria as Homologation Body for the EPC's new SEPA Request-to-Pay (SRTP) scheme which completes the effective launch of the SRTP scheme. Homologation is an important step and the Homologation Body plays a key independent role in the SRTP scheme's adherence process, which needs to ensure a proper balance between the safeguard of the integrity of the SRTP scheme and the principle of proportionality."*

**Cyril Malargé, Group Chief Operating Officer of Sopra Steria commented:** *"Sopra Steria and its subsidiary Galitt will support the European Payments Council in developing Request-to-Pay – one of the most innovative payment solutions in Europe – which a large number of banks, payment service providers and other market players are expected to launch within the coming years. This project will be underpinned by Sopra Steria's capabilities in payments and cybersecurity. It confirms the major role played by our Group in the European financial services industry."*

**Pierre Lahbabi, CEO of Galitt added:** *"We are delighted to contribute to the launch of the Request-to-Pay scheme in Europe by becoming the homologation body with Sopra Steria. Alongside EPC and its stakeholders, we share the conviction that RTP will create an abundance of new opportunities in Europe. Following this announcement, the way is now open for Request-to-Pay service providers to become member of the scheme and launch their services on the market."*

For more information, please visit <https://www.soprasteria.com/homologation-request-to-pay>.

### **About Sopra Steria**

Sopra Steria, a European leader in consulting, digital services and software development, helps its clients drive their digital transformation to obtain tangible and sustainable benefits. It provides end-to-end solutions to make large companies and organisations more competitive by combining in-depth knowledge of a wide range of business sectors and innovative technologies with a fully collaborative approach. Sopra Steria places people at the heart of everything it does and is committed to making the most of digital technology to build a positive future for its clients. With 46,000 employees in nearly 30 countries, the Group generated revenue of €4.3 billion in 2020.

### ***The world is how we shape it.***

Sopra Steria Group (SOP) is listed on Euronext Paris (Compartment A) - ISIN: FR0000050809



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#### About Galitt

Founded in 1990, Galitt and its 350 consultants and experts help financial institutions, merchants and payment industry players in transforming their payment services to make them simple, efficient and secure for everyday life. As a leading player in the European payment market, Galitt supports its customers in different industries and geographies, from defining their strategy to deploying their solutions. Galitt provides research and training services to guide its clients in their strategic choices and help them innovate in a constantly changing payments market.

Galitt assists its clients in their projects to build and deploy new payment solutions, drawing on strong industry expertise and support for the compliance and security of the solutions implemented. Finally, Galitt provides world-renowned testing software, facilitating the launch of new products, and develops specialized payment solutions based on the latest generation technologies. For more information, please visit Galitt's LinkedIn page or follow us on Twitter.

#### About EPC

The EPC is a unique organisation which aims to enable citizens and businesses in the Single Euro Payments Area (or SEPA - Single Euro Payments Area) to use a single account or payment card throughout the world. 'Europe with as much ease and simplicity as in their own country. The EPC intends to make a contribution to the harmonization of countries in the SEPA area, and thereby contribute to competitiveness and innovation in Europe. The EPC is a non-profit organisation that brings together 77 members who are individual or grouped service providers. Through a permanent dialogue with other stakeholders and regulators at European level, the organisation's mission is to support and promote the integration and development of European payments.

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