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International Conference on Payments and Securities Settlement

Deutsche Bundesbank, Eltville, Germany

18-19 June 2026

Call for Papers and Participation

The Deutsche Bundesbank will host the "International Conference on Payments and Securities Settlement" at its Conference Center in Eltville, Germany on 18 and 19 June 2026. The conference, organized in partnership with the Bank of Canada, aims to bring together academic and central bank researchers, policymakers and practitioners to discuss the latest economic research focused on the developments, challenges and opportunities for payments and securities settlement and the data and information they generate.

Conference Content

Payments and Settlement Systems are undergoing fast and substantial changes in many respects, such as new instruments, new forms of money, new payment rails, new techniques to support and undertake transactions and new regulations. In addition, we face geopolitical tensions and new urgencies to pursue resilience and sovereignty. From the perspective of researchers, regulators, and payment market participants all these developments demand more and deeper economic analysis of payment and securities settlement systems.

We invite researchers to submit papers (in English) that address the following topics and related areas:

- Application and role of digital money and tokenization in payment systems and financial market infrastructures (FMIs):
  Topics include, i.a., tokenized deposits, stablecoins, tokenized assets, DLT-based systems, and the implications of regulatory frameworks such as MiCAR.
- Evolution of traditional payment systems:
  Topics include, i.a., the development and interlinking of RTGS Systems and instant payment systems against the background of geopolitical tensions and the pursuit of digital sovereignty, cross-border payment innovations, and the development of global payment architectures as well as access to payment systems.
- Safety, resilience and efficiency in payment and settlement systems:
  Topics include, i.a., risk analysis, participant behavior, and the interdependencies between financial market infrastructures.
- Use of payment and settlement data:
  Topics include, i.a., the application of payment and settlement data including novel data for monitoring, forecasting, analysis, and creation of novel data sets as well as advanced analytics in payment and settlement processes as well as privacy and fostering competition.

- Use of AI and application of agentic payments:
  Topics include, i.a., the application of AI for operational tasks in payments and settlement and the role of autonomous payment systems in the future of financial transactions.
- Developments in retail payments and use of payment instruments:
  Topics include, i.a., new forms of payment instruments and changes in the composition of used payment instruments.

We welcome theoretical, empirical, and policy-oriented contributions that provide new insights into these topics. Submissions should aim to advance the understanding of the role of data and information in payments and securities settlement systems and their broader implications for the financial system and the economy.

Scientific Committee

- Wilko Bolt (De Nederlandsche Bank and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
- Martin Diehl (Deutsche Bundesbank)
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- Michael Zimmert (Swiss National Bank)

Conference Contact for Submission of Papers

Please send the manuscript (extended abstracts are also accepted) as a separate pdf file by e-mail to
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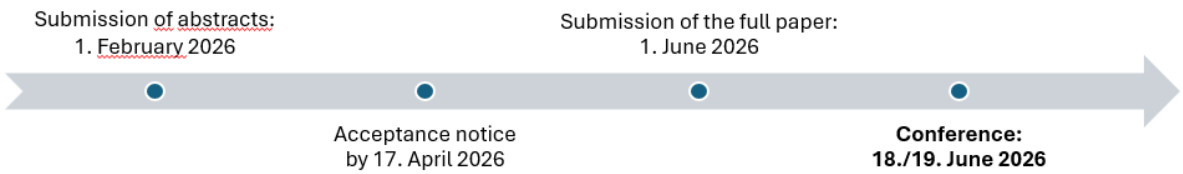
Submission Deadlines

For submission of abstracts (and preferably the paper): 1. February 2026
For submission of the full paper (after acceptance): 1. June 2026
Acceptance notice will be sent by 17. April 2026



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Content of Abstracts

Abstracts should not exceed 450 words and include the following:

- Title of paper
- Authors (full name and titles)
- Affiliation and current position
- Postal and e-mail address
- Three keywords that best describe the subject of the submission and
- Summary of paper including key results and methods applied

Conference Contact for Registration

Registration is necessary for the conference. The number of participants will be limited. Interested participants can use the registration link. Registration of interested parties will not be confirmed before acceptance notices are sent. In case of questions regarding organizational topics please contact conferences@bundesbank.de.

Venue

Conference Centre of the Deutsche Bundesbank
Tagungszentrum der Deutschen Bundesbank
Erbacher Strasse 18
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Fees

Participation at the conference is free of charge. Accommodation during the conference will be covered for participants, logistical support will be provided. Academic authors of accepted papers will receive travel expenditures.

Organization

The Deutsche Bundesbank is the central bank of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Bundesbank organizes, participates and supports numerous seminars and conferences each year.