

Fourth Annual Global Report: The Future of Competitive Advantage in Banking & Payments

# **Real-Time/Instant Payments**



\*Figures across this infographic exceed 100% as respondents could select multiple options.



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cite legacy infrastructure as the biggest barrier to real-time payments.

### KEY PAIN POINTS WITH THE CURRENT PAYMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Legacy systems being an obstacle to keeping pace with industry changes and regulations in a speedy and efficient way

	40%
Lack of operational efficiency	
	11%
Siloed infrastructure across business lines	
	10%
Seamless access to multiple payment rails	
	9%
Limited in-house IT resources	



#### SUMMARY

Real-time payments have shifted from being a competitive edge to an essential service where customers demand instant transactions. Yet, legacy systems, interoperability challenges, and the growing threat of fraud are holding financial institutions back. While adoption is gaining momentum, readiness levels vary widely across regions and organisations.

#### STRATEGIES



Upgrade Infrastructure



Interoperability Focus



Invest in scalable, SaaS-enabled systems designed for real-time operations and evolving industry demands. Align systems with regional and global standards (e.g. SEPA Inst, FedNow) for seamless processing.

9%



Fraud Mitigation

Deploy enhanced fraud detection tools to safeguard instant payment ecosystems.

## **KEY TAKEAWAY**



Modernise for real-time payments by overcoming legacy infrastructure, ensuring system interoperability, and enhancing fraud detection.

### INDUSTRY BENCHMARK

Adoption of real-time payments in Europe has reached **17.8%** of all credit transfers, driven by SEPA Inst.

The US FedNow system launched in 2023 with **700 institutions** connected, signalling growing global adoption.



How does your real-time payments strategy measure up against the industry's push for faster, more transparent transactions?



Aligning Banking Services with Customer Expectations

PRIORITIES FOR MEETING AND EXCEEDING CUSTOMER EXPECTATIONS OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS



Ensuring business services are accessible, efficient, reliable and secure



Offering innovative technology



To meet evolving customer demands, institutions must transform their infrastructure, leverage SaaS solutions for agility, and integrate robust fraud prevention measures to ensure security and trust.

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# Benchmark your institution

**Take the Live Survey** 

Gain deeper insights into the findings by reading the the 'The Future of Competitive Advantage in Banking and Payments Report 2024'.

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