

The Smart Card Alliance Payments Council focuses on facilitating the adoption of chip-enabled payments and payment applications in the U.S. through education programs for consumers, merchants, issuers, acquirers/processors, government regulators, mobile telecommunications providers and payments service providers. The group is bringing together payments industry stakeholders, including payments industry leaders, merchants and suppliers, and is working on projects related to implementing EMV, contactless payments, NFC-enabled payments and applications, mobile payments, and chip-enabled e-commerce. The Council's primary goal is to inform and educate the market about the value of chip-enabled payments in improving the security of the payments infrastructure and in enhancing the value of payments and payment-related applications for industry stakeholders.

Payments Council Activities

The Council works on projects to provide educational resources and define best practices for chip-enabled payments implementations and to explore new chip-enabled payment applications. Council activities include:

- Developing white papers and hosting web seminars and conference workshops on chip-enabled payments to provide educational resources to the industry.
- Developing industry positions on key issues in deploying chip-enabled payments and collaborating as an industry to address challenges.
- Maintaining an active, public voice on chip-enabled payments topics, serving as a resource for authoritative information and responding to reports that contain misinformation about the technology.
- Developing educational material and guidance on the use of EMV and chip-enabled solutions to address fraud and counterfeit cards in the U.S. payments industry.
- Developing educational material and guidance on the use of Near Field Communication (NFC) technology for mobile contactless payments

Council Resources

Events

- Annual Payments Summit
- EMV Roadmap Implementation Options for the U.S. workshop
- EMV for Merchants and Acquirers: U.S. Migration Considerations webinar

White Papers and Resources

- Accepting Contactless Payments: A Merchant Guide
- Card Payments Roadmap in the U.S.: How Will EMV Impact the Future Payments Infrastructure?
- Chip-Enabled Mobile Marketing
- Contactless Payments: Consumer Attitudes and Acceptance in the United States



- Contactless Payments: Delivering Merchant and Consumer Benefits
- Contactless Payments: Frequently Asked Questions
- Contactless Payments: Merchant ROI Model
- EMV Chip Cards Expected for Upscale U.S. Cardholders
- EMV Frequently Asked Questions
- End-to-End Encryption and Chip Cards in the U.S. Payments Industry
- Fraud in the U.S. Payments Industry: Fraud Mitigation and Prevention Measures in Use and Chip Card Technology Impact on Fraud
- Industry resource web pages on EMV and NFC
- Issuer and Merchant Best Practices: Promoting Contactless Payments Usage and Acceptance
- The Mobile Payments and NFC Landscape: A U.S. Perspective
- NFC Frequently Asked Questions
- Proximity Mobile Payments: Leveraging NFC and the Contactless Financial Payments Infrastructure
- Proximity Mobile Payments Business Scenarios: Research Report on Stakeholder Perspectives
- Security of Proximity Mobile Payments
- Smart Card Alliance Contactless Payment Security Q&A
- Smart.Payments LinkedIn Group
- Web resources and news on EMV, NFC and contactless payments
- What Makes a Smart Card Secure?
- The What, Who and Why of Contactless Payments

The Council also has active collaboration and relationships with the Electronic Transactions Association (ETA), Merchant Advisory Group (MAG), National Retail Federation, NFC Forum and NACHA.

Member Comments

"Being a part of the Smart Card Alliance is one of the best career decisions I've ever made. The Alliance has provided a platform combining networking, collaboration, learning, and moving the industry toward a more positive future. In addition, active involvement in industry councils is an ideal way to build up your reputation!"

—Deborah Baxley, Principal | Banking, Capgemini Financial Services Global Business Unit

"Gemalto has seen firsthand how the wealth of information generated by the Smart Card Alliance (SCA) Payments Council transforms into benefits to issuers, payment processors and merchants, speeding the return on investment to its smartcard programs. As a member of the board of directors, Gemalto is highly committed to the standards and ideals of the SCA, which has established itself as the single industry voice for smart card technology through such a positive contribution."

—Philippe Benitez, VP Marketing for Secure Transactions, Gemalto North America

"I encourage any payments industry professional to get engaged with the Smart Card Alliance Payments Council. Our industry evolves almost real-time -- it is critical to stay on top of technological and regulatory developments in our space. The Council provides cutting edge information, providing a global view of payments and payment technology. This in turn helps Heartland better serve our customers with solutions engineered to current standards."

—Michael English, Executive Director, Product Development, Heartland Payment Systems

"The Smart Card Alliance provides Visa with valuable research and first-hand information on trends and directions in the smart card and mobile payments space. The Alliance work on new developments in chip cards and authentication makes the organization an invaluable source of current and relevant market intelligence."

—Simon Hurry, Sr. Business Leader, Visa Inc.

"The Smart Card Alliance is a neutral forum of industry leaders that addresses core-level issues that touch industry participants across the board. Considering that Alliance activities are expanding, it was a great idea to start a Payments Council to focus on addressing the core issues for the wider acceptance of contactless payments and on the emerging market for NFC mobile payments. The Alliance and Payments Council produce white papers, position papers, webinars, and focused task forces to make the contactless roll out smoother and more successful. This provides a direct value to ViVOTech."

—Mohammad Khan, President and Founder, ViVOTech

"The Smart Card Alliance Payments Council has provided an opportunity for Giesecke & Devrient to interact with decision makers in the industry ecosystem, including financial institutions, payment brands, and component and device suppliers. G&D has participated in the creation of key Alliance white papers, a valuable tool in moving the contactless payments industry forward."

—Heather Klein, Director, Marketing Communications, Giesecke & Devrient

"The Smart Card Alliance provides an ideal forum to discuss and debate topics of great relevance to the industry, such as chip, mobile and authentication. Beyond that, we gain great insights through market research, white papers and first hand information. The interaction with others in the ecosystem also allow us to build new relationships and stay abreast of current and emerging trends."

—Oliver Manahan, Vice President, MasterCard Worldwide

"It is a great time in emerging payments and there is a strong interest in new payment technologies. American Express wants to partner with key industry players to provide emerging technologies for our issuers and acquirers. The Smart Card Alliance provides opportunities for us to interact with the payments industry and discuss how to progress new technologies in North America."

—Patricia Partelow, VP of Innovative Payment Solutions, American Express

"The Smart Card Alliance has inspired collaboration across the payments industry and provided a valuable resource for Chase Card Services. By fostering a non-competitive environment, the Alliance allows for companies to bridge gaps in information sharing that would otherwise not happen - creating success for all involved."

—Dori K. Skelding, Sr. Business Operations Manager, Chase Card Services

"Participation in the Payments Council enables member companies to directly tackle the challenges which face our industry. Without effectively run industry groups like the Council, members would be individually trying to overcome issues which are greater than our respective companies. However, the collaborative efforts of the Council have enabled tangible advances to occur through informative white papers, thought-provoking conferences and responsive PR."

—Garfield Smith, Vice President, Marketing, Oberthur Technologies

"Through its Industry Councils, the Smart Card Alliance has provided INSIDE Secure with a unique opportunity to network with the key stakeholders in the important markets we serve, including contactless and mobile payments, identity, physical access and transportation. The Alliance's efforts toward educating these markets through its publication of white papers, FAQs and other materials and effectively communicating with the media has been invaluable to INSIDE and other ecosystem stakeholders as we continue to push the edge of the technology envelope and bring exciting new solutions to market."

—Charles Walton, EVP Payments, INSIDE Secure

About the Smart Card Alliance

The Smart Card Alliance is a not-for-profit, multi-industry association working to stimulate the understanding, adoption, use and widespread application of smart card technology. Through specific projects such as education programs, market research, advocacy, industry relations and open forums, the Alliance keeps its members connected to industry leaders and innovative thought. The Alliance is the single industry voice for smart cards, leading industry discussion on the impact and value of smart cards in the U.S. and Latin America. For more information please visit www.smartcardalliance.org.

The Smart Card Alliance Industry and Technology Councils are focused groups within the overall structure of the Alliance. Councils have been created to foster increased industry collaboration within a specified industry or market segment and produce tangible results, speeding smart card adoption and industry growth. Groups collaborate on specific deliverables, including reports, briefings and educational material. The Smart Card Alliance currently has five active Councils focusing on contactless and mobile payments, healthcare, identity, physical access and transportation industries. Council participation is open to any Smart Card Alliance member who wishes to contribute to the Council projects.

Council Officers

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and Oliver Manahan, MasterCard
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Secretary: Deborah Baxley, Capgemini

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