# Are you ready for SEPA?

### What is SEPA?

The Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA) is an initiative of the EU governments, the European Commission and the European Central Bank (ECB), to create an integrated payments market across Europe for any organisation or individual making or receiving payments in euro's.

#### What does it mean for my business?

IBAN BIC The account and sort code number will be replaced by an IBAN and BIC number



Only one account is needed to make and receive payments across the SEPA zone

Payment file formats will change from Standard 18' to the new SEPA ISO 20022 standard

Quick and easy payments to suppliers to countries affected by SEPA

### **SEPA** timeline



## Who does SEPA affect?

#### 🛤 33 countries

in Europe participate in SEPA and incldues countries which are also not part of the euro area

#### 💂 517 million

Citizens and businesses are able to make SEPA payments

#### How can business software help?



#### SEPA compliant business software solutions such as m-hance Bank Management, are easy to implement and provide a number of benefits whilst ensuring businesses are ready for migration Prevents

none euro area countries





Current adoption rates

Credit transfer adoption 74%



Debit transfer adoption 41%

(Figures provided by the European Central Bank SEPA indicators research 20th January 2014)