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# Fast Track to PSD2

Save time, reduce cost and increase certainty

## SERVICE

### The digital challenge

Until now financial institutions (FIs) have been in control of their digital presence, offering their own branded services to customers via tablets, mobiles and wearable technology. PSD2 radically changes the rules of the game by granting third party providers (TPPs) the right to access account information and to initiate payments on behalf of the FI's customers, and present the service with the TPP's branding – otherwise known as “open banking”.

As well as the strategic challenges raised by the regulation, it also raises a host of implementation challenges. FIs have to expose web-facing interfaces (APIs) that can be used by any regulated third party. These interfaces need to be extremely secure. They need to be available 24x7. The information provided needs to be accurate and up-to-date.

PSD2 is not the only regulation in this space – there are also UK government initiatives for open data in banking and identity assurance such as the Treasury's Data Sharing and Open Data initiative. And beyond the regulatory drivers, the FI will undoubtedly want to offer additional digital APIs to business partners offering richer services that can be monetised. This calls for flexibility and a quick time to market.

### The banks' challenge

A recent poll conducted by Finextra cited that only 5% of the European banks surveyed were confident that their core banking systems would support open banking.

To be PSD2 ready and support open banking, banks need to be asking themselves:

- will we be ready to comply with the access to account regulations when they are introduced in 2017?
- will the same platform also support the government initiatives?
- will we be able to go beyond compliance and create a dynamic API-based ecosystem supporting the B2B partnerships that are essential to the emerging banking landscape?

Addressing the challenge may well require a “two speed” architecture, introducing a **Digital Enablement** layer to present data and services sourced from the legacy systems. Such an approach must be supported by corresponding changes in delivery models and governance structures.

## What is Fast Track to PSD2?

**Fast Track to PSD2** begins with a Readiness Assessment which will be conducted on-site over an approximate time of 3-4 weeks.

The assessment has three phases:

#### ■ Investigation

A review of the current business processes, systems architecture, IT strategy and current development and release processes.

#### ■ Evaluation

Identification of possible gaps versus regulation, possible constraints on future flexibility, data quality challenges and possible business, technology and programme risks.

#### ■ Recommendation

Proposed enhancements to business processes, current architecture and roadmap, technology and applications and data management.

# Icon's Fast Track to PSD2

Icon have developed the **Fast Track to PSD2** to help FIs prepare for the new regulation. It reviews your application, data architecture, technology platform and delivery approach to assess their ability to meet the compliance requirements while also supporting future digital initiatives.

The "technical" aspects of the PSD2 access to account legislation, including API specifications and security controls, are not yet finalised and no-one can predict the changes that will affect banking over the next few years; so having the right architecture in place to provide flexibility and speed of delivery is a key focus of the assessment.

## PSD2 Readiness results report

Icon's **PSD2 Readiness Assessment** results report will:

- define the strategy that lays the foundation for further discussions.
- visualise the gaps between your current status and PSD2 ready status.
- recommend a road map to achieve PSD2 Readiness.

## Why Icon?

Icon consultants have deep payment knowledge and experience that can help you anticipate risk and navigate through the challenge of meeting payment regulation and innovation needs.

We know what it takes to get you ready for PSD2 – not only guidance but also pragmatic solutions. That's why our clients trust us to meet requirements faster and more cost effectively than our competitors.

## What next?

We would welcome the opportunity to explain more about our **Fast Track to PSD2** and discuss how we could support your business to become PSD2 ready.

Please give us a call on **020 7147 9955** or email us at **info@iconsolutions.com**

## Fast Track to PSD2 Benefits



### 1 Save time

Icon's **Readiness Assessment** service builds a roadmap to get the right infrastructure and process to be PSD2 ready.



### 2 Reduce cost

At an early stage Icon helps identify red flags and areas which will give the biggest value contribution.



### 3 Increase certainty

With all the changes and new requirements, internal preparation is more important than ever.

Our **Fast Track to PSD2** will enable you to be ready when the window of opportunity for open banking opens.



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