



Gruppo Banco Popolare selects Diamis' CRISTAL for liquidity management

Gruppo Banco Popolare has selected Diamis, a joint venture between Atos and Steria, for enhancing and consolidating liquidity management at group level. Diamis has implemented its CRISTAL solution to provide the bank with a single platform for real-time integrated monitoring of available assets against expected activities as well as control of outflows in respect of Basle III requirements for managing intraday liquidity.

Through the staged project approach that was defined by Gruppo Banco Popolare, CRISTAL has firstly consolidated liquidity management in euro and then will integrate liquidity in foreign currencies before supporting the impacts of securities settlement migration to TARGET2-Securities. In the meantime, CRISTAL will support reporting requirements under the Basle III "Monitoring tools for intraday liquidity management" regulatory framework.

Gruppo Banco Popolare also uses Diamis' MPH Converter for managing conversions of legacy formats that are used for interfaces with the bank's information system.

Marco Urbani, Head of Cross-Border Payments and Settlement Systems at SGS BP said: "CRISTAL enters our global reform program for modernising and centralising the bank operational infrastructures. By selecting a proven up-to-date software package, Gruppo Banco Popolare has replaced legacy systems with a liquidity management solution which better match the market requirements and has ensured long term compliance with regulatory requirements and state-of-the-art business practices. The new platform offers a sound basis for safer and optimised liquidity management. Beyond TARGET2-Securities, migration of High-Value Payment Systems to ISO20022 is already on track at Gruppo Banco Popolare."

Olivier Hache, General Manager of Diamis said: "On behalf of CRISTAL community of user banks, we are delighted to welcome Gruppo Banco Popolare, a key player in the Italian bank industry. For this project, Diamis has noticeably invested in tailoring CRISTAL pan-European features to Italian-specific market practices. This success proves again the validity of CRISTAL concepts for globally addressing liquidity management of European banks as well as its flexibility to accommodate market-specific requirements."

About Diamis

Joint-venture between Atos and Steria, Diamis is a leading supplier of payment solutions. Diamis' software packages enable banks to reap the benefits of European projects: SEPA, CHAPS LSM, TARGET2-Securities.

CRISTAL is a pro-active multi-currency liquidity manager together with a gateway to TARGET2, EBA, CHAPS and clearing banks. CRISTAL implements management of intraday Liquidity Risks in respect of Basel III regulatory requirements. CRISTAL already is ISO20022 compliant and will soon provide access to TARGET2-Securities.

MASS PAYMENTS HIGHWAY conciliates highly demanding performances and dramatic reduction of operations costs through its innovative design. Its built-in business agility enables to serve all customers' demands and to address all opportunities arising along with SEPA.

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About Gruppo Banco Popolare

Banco Popolare is a Group made up of large local banks firmly rooted in their communities, with a history of serving families and small businesses. One of the leading Italian Bank Groups, with about 2,000 branches, 220,000 shareholders and more than 18,000 employees, Banco Popolare is a point of reference in the regions where it has a historical presence like Veneto, Lombardy, Piedmont, Liguria, Tuscany and Emilia Romagna.

Thanks to the banks that collectively form it, some of them more than 150 years old, Banco Popolare is ever more in touch with customers, offering innovative products in a world in which the demands of savings and investment are continuously changing. "Your roots, your future" is the company slogan that serves as a daily reminder, remaining faithful to the principles of public credit.

About SGS BP

SGS-BP is the Banco Popolare Group company which provides IT infrastructure, IT services and applications, middle-office and back-office administration to all banks in the Group. It was settled in 2000 and its 1,400 employees provide services to 2,000 branches and more than 18,000 users throughout the Group.

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