



2019-2020 **Payments and e-commerce report** Western and Central Europe

European shoppers **spend \$388 billion online** using **local payment methods**.

Dear reader,

As e-commerce continues to grow, it injects new dynamism into our economies and gives people – who wouldn't otherwise have it – access to goods and services that improve their lives.

At PPRO, we're proud to help make possible the payments revolution that underpins the explosive growth of the e-commerce industry. Today, local payment methods account for 77% of e-commerce spend; by 2024, it is forecast that this share will increase to 82%.

But we're even prouder to have helped our partners and their merchants grow and succeed in more markets every year, and these reports are just a small piece of that. They are tools designed to give you the knowledge you need to open new markets. We hope you find them useful and we wish you every success.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Black CEO, PPRO

Western and Central Europe

With a population of over 480 million, over 420 million Internet users and an average GDP per capita of almost \$43,000, Western and Central Europe is one of the most lucrative retail markets in the world¹.

Inevitably, the policies and health of the EU have a huge influence on the economy and business climate in the whole of the region. This has undeniably been a challenging year for the EU and region in general. Neither inflation nor the economic growth rates hit the targets set by policymakers. But despite this, the finance industry registered rising confidence for much of the year².

This culminated in a mood of cautious optimism at the news that former IMF head Christine Lagarde was to take over at the European Central Bank (ECB). Hopes are high that Lagarde can persuade member states to engage in fiscal stimulus to kick-start the economy.

At almost the same time, the European Council of Ministers agreed to create the Budgetary Instrument for Convergence and Competitiveness (BICC). This gives the eurozone at least the beginnings of a common budget, something it has very clearly needed.

Economic indicators might not be hitting official targets but consumers still have money to spend and are well connected. And with new leaders, with new approaches, in both the ECB and the commission, there's reason to be cautiously optimistic.

The e-commerce market

The value of goods sold online in Europe by the end of 2019 is forecast to reach more than \$680 billion¹. Analysts expect more and more Western Europeans to start looking online for bargains, rather than on the high street.

According to PPRO's own research, 14% of all retail purchases in this region are already made online ¹. One recent analysis of the region's shopping habits predicted a 66% growth in online grocery shopping between now and 2023, adding \$21 billion worth of market share³. At the same time, the value of e-commerce as a whole is set to grow by 38%⁴.

In December 2018, the EU released new rules for e-commerce. These were designed to prevent what the Commission describes as "geo-blocking" — practices which prevent consumers in one EU country from using an e-commerce site in another member state⁵.

The local payment culture

The most popular way of paying for online purchases in Western Europe is with a credit or debit card. They have 43% of the online payments market¹. Bank transfer comes in at 24% and e-wallets have 21%. Various smaller payment methods have a 7% share of the online market. And cash has a 6% share. Be warned, however, that these averages contain sharp differences between national markets. Even neighbouring countries have widely divergent payment cultures. In France, consumers pay for 50% of online purchases with credit card. In Germany, it's just 11%¹.

Enabling and limiting factors

As you'd expect in a highly developed region such as Western and Central Europe, almost the entire population – more than 94% – is banked¹. 45% also have a credit card. Relevant indicators are good almost regardless of socio-economic status.

Internet penetration is 87%. And 77% of the population has an Internet-enabled smartphone¹. Between 2014 and 2020, the EU made some €15 billion available to member states for the purpose of making fast broadband accessible to all Europeans by 2020. This has delivered an improvement in coverage but isn't going to hit the target – particularly in rural areas⁶.

Conclusion

This has been a year of high drama in Western and Central Europe. Next year promises to be no different. But whatever the political weather, the business climate in the region is benign. The GDP per capita in the EU is over \$43,000¹. This compares to a global average of just \$11,000⁷. Whatever today's complications, the people of Western and Central Europe are affluent, blessed with good Internet connections, and ready to shop.

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Austria

	Austria	Region	World
Population	8.8 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	7.6 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	455,737	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	51,513	43,844	11,299
Online population	7.7 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	94%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	2,231	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	8%	14%	16%

Credit card

penetration

Banked population





Austria Region



B2C e-comm. 11.8 billion USD

Internet

penetration

88%

87%



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Mobile e-comm. Cross-border e-comm. 44% of total 21% of total





Top e-comm segments

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Airlines & Hotels

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Clothing & Footwear

Media & Entertainment

Homeware & Furniture

Food & Drink



Belgium

	Belgium	Region	World
Population	11.4 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	9.4 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	531,767	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	46,556	43,844	11,299
Online population	10 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	77%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	1,829	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	15%	14%	16%







Credit card











Internet

penetration

B2C e-comm. 12.7 billion USD

88%

87%

Cross-border e-comm. 18% of total

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Card		14%	
Cash			
Bank	transfer		Payment method
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Other		23%	
			6%
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(China: 25%		
\bullet	France: 21%		
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Czech Rep.

	Czech Rep.	Region	World
Population	10.6 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	8.9 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	244,105	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	22,973	43,844	11,299
Online population	9.3 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	66%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	889	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	10%	14%	16%













Internet

penetration

88%

87%

Mobile e-comm. 54% of total

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17%

e-commerce growth

Top e-comm segments

X

Airlines & Hotels

Clothing & Footwear

Electrical Goods

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Homeware & Furniture

Food & Drink

Cross-border e-comm. **7% of total**



Denmark

	Denmark	Region	World
Population	5.8 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	4.8 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	351,300	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	60,596	43,844	11,299
Online population	5.6 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	88%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	4,085	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	13%	14%	16%

Credit card

penetration









Internet

penetration

97%

87%

Region



B2C e-comm. **19.9 billion USD**



Mobile e-comm. 51% of total



13%

e-commerce growth

Top e-comm segments

X

Airlines & Hotels: 32%

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Clothing & Footwear: 12%

Electrical Goods: 10%

Homeware & Furniture: 9%

Food & Drink: 7%



Finland

	Finland	Region	World
Population	5.5 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	4.6 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	275,683	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	49,960	43,844	11,299
Online population	5.3 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	82%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	3,246	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	12%	14%	16%

Banked population













Mobile e-comm. 49% of total

Internet

penetration

B2C e-comm.

12.5 billion USD

<mark>96</mark>%

87%



Cross-border e-comm. 22% of total



France

	France	Region	World
Population	67 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	54.9 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	2,777,535	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	41,464	43,844	11,299
Online population	60.3 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	76%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	2,147	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	11%	14%	16%

Banked population









B2C e-comm. 106.2 billion USD

90%

87%



Mobile e-comm. 39% of total



13%

e-commerce growth

Top e-comm segments

X

Airlines & Hotels: 23%

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Clothing & Footwear: 15%

Food & Drink: 11%

Homeware & Furniture: 10%

Electrical Goods: 10%

6% 19% Card Cash Payment method Bank transfer breakdown E-wallet Other 16% 5% **11 billion USD** Cross-border e-commerce value 50% shop cross-border China: **43%** Germany: 14% 影 UK: 11%

Cartes Bancaires

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55% - Card total

50% Cartes Bancaires 5% ICS

19% - E-wallet total

15% PayPal 4% Other



Germany

	Germany	Region	World
Population	82.9 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	72.1 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	3,996,759	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	48,196	43,844	11,299
Online population	77.1 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	79%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	1,824	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	16%	14%	16%

Banked population





Credit card Internet penetration penetration



Region



B2C e-comm. 108.2 billion USD



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Mobile e-comm.

50% of total

Cross-border e-comm. 12% of total

11%

e-commerce growth

Top e-comm segments

X

Airlines & Hotels: 17%

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Clothing & Footwear: 15%

Electrical Goods: 14%

Homeware & Furniture: 9%

Food & Drink: 7%





Greece

	Greece	Region	World
Population	10.7 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	9.2 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	218,032	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	20,324	43,844	11,299
Online population	7.5 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	66%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	1,453	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	N/A	14%	16%

Credit card







Greece Region



B2C e-comm. 5.6 billion USD

Internet

penetration

70%



Mobile e-comm. 25% of total



13%

e-commerce growth

Top e-comm segments

X

Airlines & Hotels

Electrical Goods

Media & Entertainment

Homeware & Furniture

Food & Drink



1% 6% 10% Card Cash Payment method Bank transfer breakdown E-wallet **29%** Other **1.1 billion USD** Cross-border e-commerce value 41% shop cross-border China: **39%** 48% 歉 UK: 17% USA: 11% cashcloud SEPA SEPA Credit Transfer entercash



Hungary

	Hungary	Region	World
Population	9.7 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	8.3 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	155,703	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	15,939	43,844	11,299
Online population	7.5 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	65%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	525	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	5%	14%	16%

Credit card







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Internet

77%

Hungary Region



B2C e-comm. 2.1 billion USD P

Mobile e-comm. 13% of total



Top e-comm segments

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Airlines & Hotels

Media & Entertainment

Clothing & Footwear

Food & Drink

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Homeware & Furniture

Cross-border e-comm. 24% of total



Italy

	Italy	Region	World
Population	60.4 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	52.3 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	2,073,902	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	34,318	43,844	11,299
Online population	47.7 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	76%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	1,510	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	4%	14%	16%

Credit card

Banked population





Italy Region





B2C e-comm. 32.9 billion USD

Internet

penetration

79%



41% of total 20% of total









16%

e-commerce growth

Clothing & Footwear: 15%



Cross-border e-comm.



Netherlands

	Netherlands	Region	World
Population	17.2 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	14.4 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	912,872	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	52,978	43,844	11,299
Online population	16.1 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	88%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	2,098	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	10%	14%	16%

Credit card

penetration

Banked population





Netherlands Region



B2C e-comm. 28.9 billion USD

Internet

penetration

93%

87%

Mobile e-comm. 49% of total

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Cross-border e-comm. 15% of total

7%

e-commerce growth

Top e-comm segments

X

Airlines & Hotels: 21%

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Clothing & Footwear: 18%

Electrical Goods: 13%

Food & Drink: 9%

Homeware & Furniture: 7%



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Norway

	Norway	Region	World
Population	5.3 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	4.3 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	434,751	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	81,807	43,844	11,299
Online population	5.1 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	85%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	3,408	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	13%	14%	16%

Banked population





Credit card

penetration

Norway Region



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B2C e-comm. 14.3 billion USD

Internet

penetration

97%

87%



Mobile e-comm. 57% of total



15%

e-commerce growth

Top e-comm segments

X

Airlines & Hotels: 32%

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Clothing & Footwear: 10%

Food & Drink: 8%

Electrical Goods: 8%

Homeware & Furniture: 6%

Card
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Other
Other

61% shop cross-border



UK: 14%

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Cross-border e-comm. **25% of total**





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Poland

	Poland	Region	World
Population	38 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	32.3 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	585,783	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	15,424	43,844	11,299
Online population	28.9 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	64%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	645	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	5%	14%	16%









B2C e-comm. 11.8 billion USD Mobile e-comm. 39% of total

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76%

87%

Cross-border e-comm. 6% of total



11% e-commerce growth

Top e-comm segments

Clothing & Footwear: 18%

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Homeware & Furniture: 13%

Airlines & Hotels: 12%

Electrical Goods: 11%

Food & Drink: 11%



2%

48% - Bank transfer total

43% Other

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14% - E-wallet total

11% PayPal

2% Other







Portugal

	Portugal	Region	World
Population	10.3 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	8.9 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	237,979	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	23,146	43,844	11,299
Online population	7.5 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	67%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	1,555	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	4%	14%	16%



















Mobile e-comm. 10% of total

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11%

e-commerce growth

Top e-comm segments

X

Airlines & Hotels

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Clothing & Footwear

Electrical Goods

Media & Entertainment

Homeware & Furniture

Cross-border e-comm. 23% of total



SEPA SEPA Direct Debit

Slovakia

	Slovakia	Region	World
Population	5.4 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	4.6 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	106,472	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	19,547	43,844	11,299
Online population	4.4 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	70%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	411	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	8%	14%	16%

Credit card

penetration







Slovakia Region







Internet

penetration

82%

87%

Mobile e-comm. 10% of total

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9%

e-commerce growth

Top e-comm segments

X

Airlines & Hotels

Electrical Goods

Media & Entertainment

Clothing & Footwear

Homeware & Furniture



9% 17% 8% Card Cash Payment method Bank transfer breakdown E-wallet 25% Other **0.3 billion USD** Cross-border e-commerce value 46% shop cross-border 41% Germany Czech Rep. China entercash GoPay 了 > **Trust**Pay 🙀 Trustly



Spain

	Spain	Region	World
Population	46.7 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	39.9 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	1,426,189	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	30,524	43,844	11,299
Online population	39.5 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	73%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	1,447	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	7%	14%	16%

Credit card







Spain Region







Internet

85%

87%

Mobile e-comm. 48% of total

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Cross-border e-comm. 20% of total

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Top e-comm segments

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Airlines & Hotels: 23%

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Clothing & Footwear: 14%

Electrical Goods: 11%

Food & Drink: 10%

Health & Beauty: 7%



Sweden

	Sweden	Region	World
Population	10.2 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	8.3 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	551,032	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	54,112	43,844	11,299
Online population	9.8 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	85%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	1,893	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	10%	14%	16%







Internet

<mark>96</mark>%

87%

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B2C e-comm.

17.1 billion USD









Mobile e-comm. 60% of total

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Cross-border e-comm. 20% of total



Switzerland

	Switzerland	Region	World
Population	8.5 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	7.2 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	705,501	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	82,839	43,844	11,299
Online population	7.9 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	80%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	2,623	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	10%	14%	16%







Credit card

penetration

Switzerland Region



B2C e-comm. 14.5 billion USD

Internet

penetration

94%

87%



Mobile e-comm. 43% of total



13%

e-commerce growth

X

Airlines & Hotels

Food & Drink

Homeware & Furniture

Card Top e-comm segments Cash Bank transfer E-wallet Other Electrical Goods 2.2 billion USD Clothing & Footwear Germany: **40%**



1%

26% - Card total



UK

	UK	Region	World
Population	66.5 million	481.2 million	7.6 billion
Population (15+)	54.6 million	407.2 million	5.6 billion
GDP (millions)	2,825,208	18,866,310	85,804,400
GDP per capita (\$)	42,491	43,844	11,299
Online population	62.9 million	420.5 million	4.5 billion
Smartphone penetration	85%	77%	58%
Average online spend (\$)	4,516	2,884	2,594
E-commerce % of total retail	19%	14%	16%

Banked population



44



Credit card

UK Region



B2C e-comm. 233 billion USD

Internet

penetration

95%

87%



Mobile e-comm. **55% of total**



11%

e-commerce growth

Top e-comm segments

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Airlines & Hotels: 20%

Food & Drink: 15%

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Clothing & Footwear: 13%

Electrical Goods: 11%

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Homeware & Furniture: 7%





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