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Payment and securities settlement systems in the European Union - Addendum incorporating 2000 figures

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The European Central Bank (ECB) is today publishing the addendum to the publication entitled "Payment and securities settlement systems in the European Union", also known as the "Blue Book". The addendum provides data for the years 1996-2000 in both country-specific tables and comparative tables covering all 15 EU Member States.

The publication has been prepared in co-operation with the EU national central banks.

The report can be downloaded from the <u>ECB's website</u>. Printed versions will be available from each of the EU national central banks or from the ECB at the following address:

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