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# The calm before the storm

What subtle changes in consumer  
mindset tell us about the future  
of banking

Strategy& Payments and Open Banking Survey  
December 2022



# Payments and Open Banking Survey 2022

## Consumer survey across 15 countries – third edition of Strategy& survey

### Sample and methodology

#### Sample 2022



5,750 participants



15 countries



Online survey



September / October 2022



10 questions

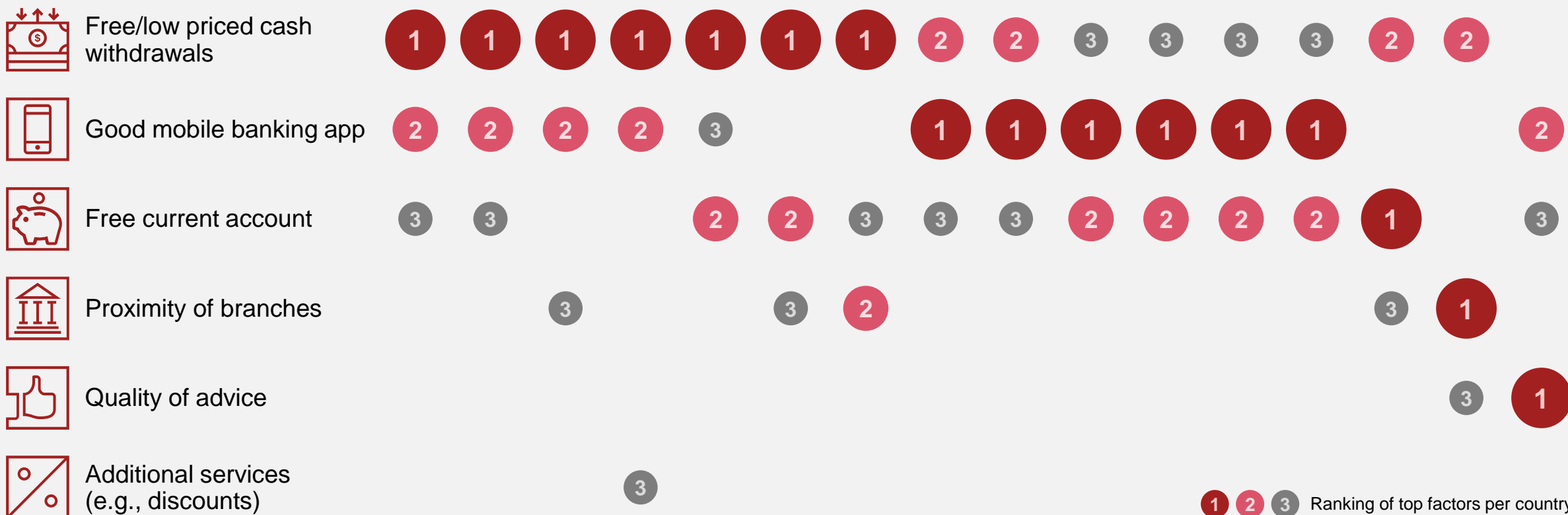


#### 2018 & 2020

- Similar surveys conducted with same method in
  - 2018: October/November 2018; 2,500 participants, 10 countries<sup>1)</sup> ➔ [Go to 2018 survey](#)
  - 2020: August/September 2020; 3,500 participants, 12 countries<sup>2)</sup> ➔ [Go to 2020 survey](#)
- Comparisons in this presentation are always made on a like-for-like basis (i.e. when making comparisons with 2018 data, only the data from the same 10 countries is used in 2020 and 2022 etc.)

# Three main factors are driving bank experience

**?** What is important to you regarding your bank's offering?<sup>1)</sup>





# Banks are facing challenges concerning key experience factors



1

## Free/low priced cash withdrawals

The pandemic-related shift away from cash (withdrawals) has continued, rendering bank networks increasingly obsolete



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## Good mobile banking app

Mobile apps are becoming more important for banking services, handing an advantage to fintechs



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## Free current account

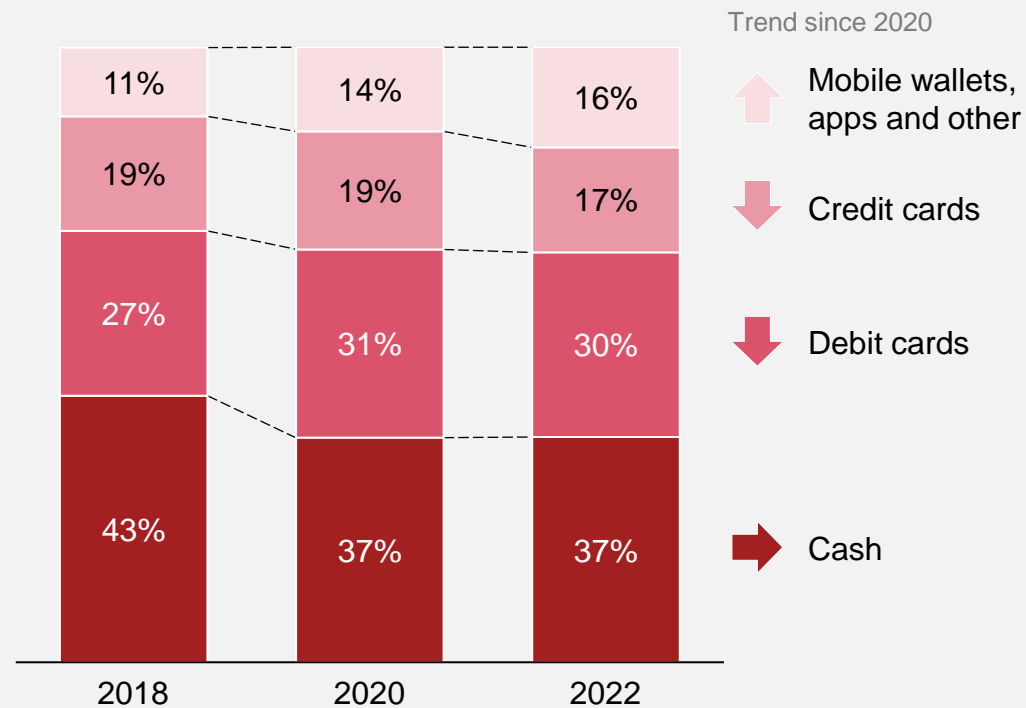
Open Banking and aggregation models enable easy (free) account selection, benefiting challengers



# Payment behavior endures: No post-Covid cash revival, but no acceleration of decline

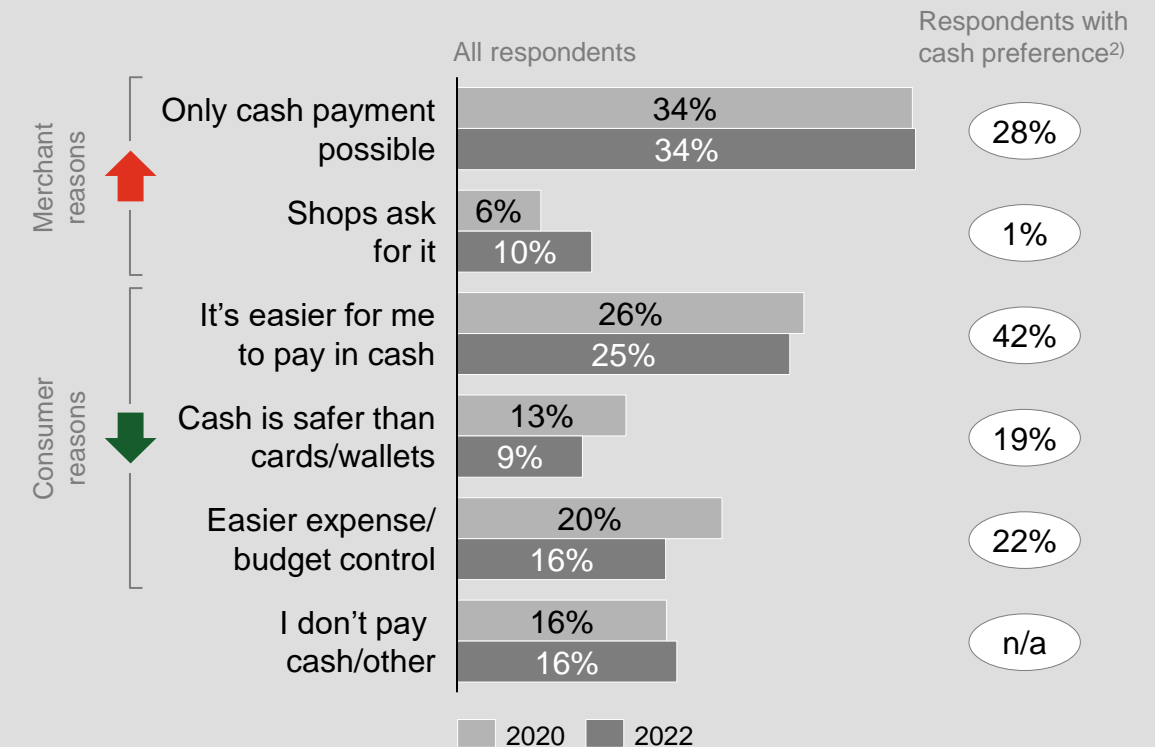
## Decline in cash preference is stable...

**?** What is your general preference for payments when you are shopping or paying for services?



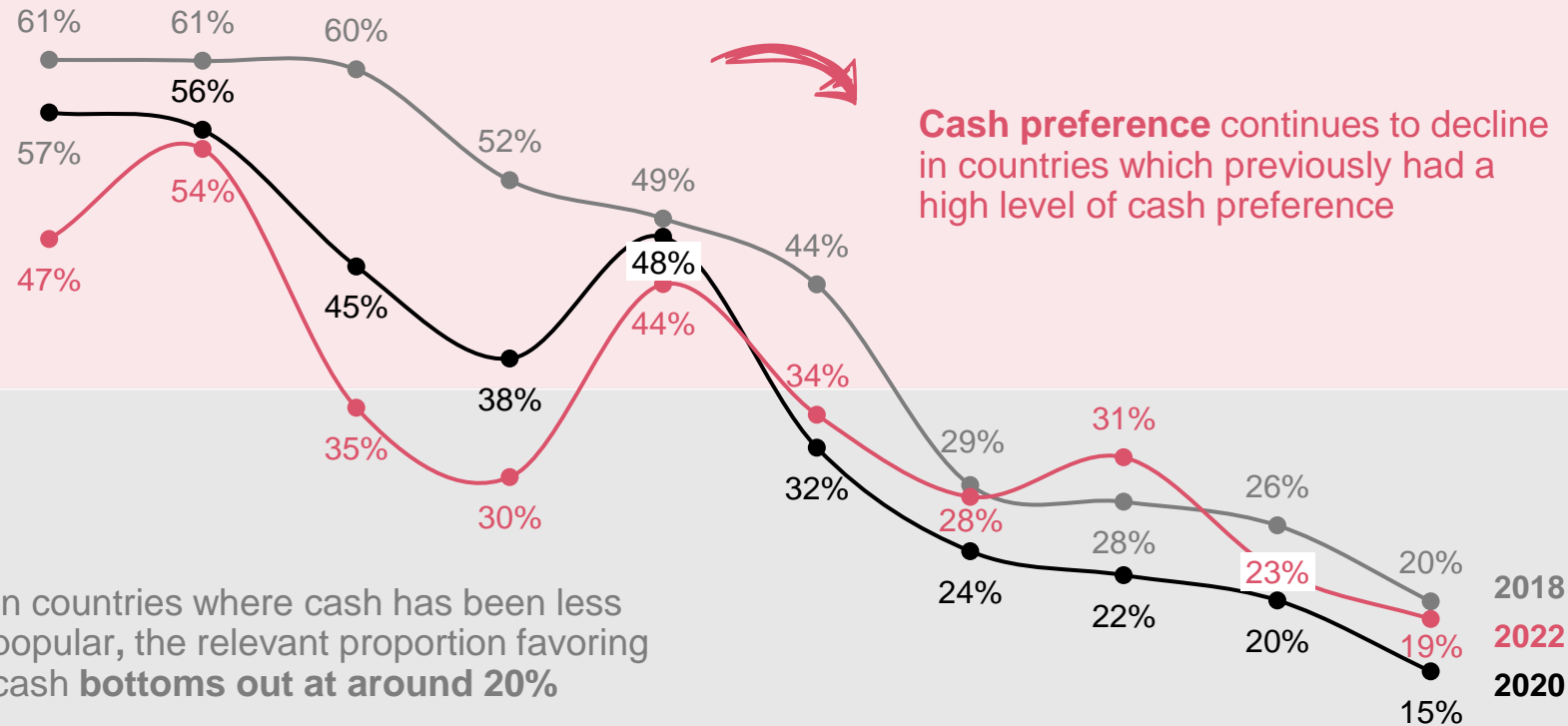
## ...and consumer reasons for cash are weakening

**?** In situations where you pay with cash – what are the main reasons?<sup>1)</sup>



# Cash preference bottoms out at 20% – but is even lower for younger population

## Preference for cash when shopping/paying for services

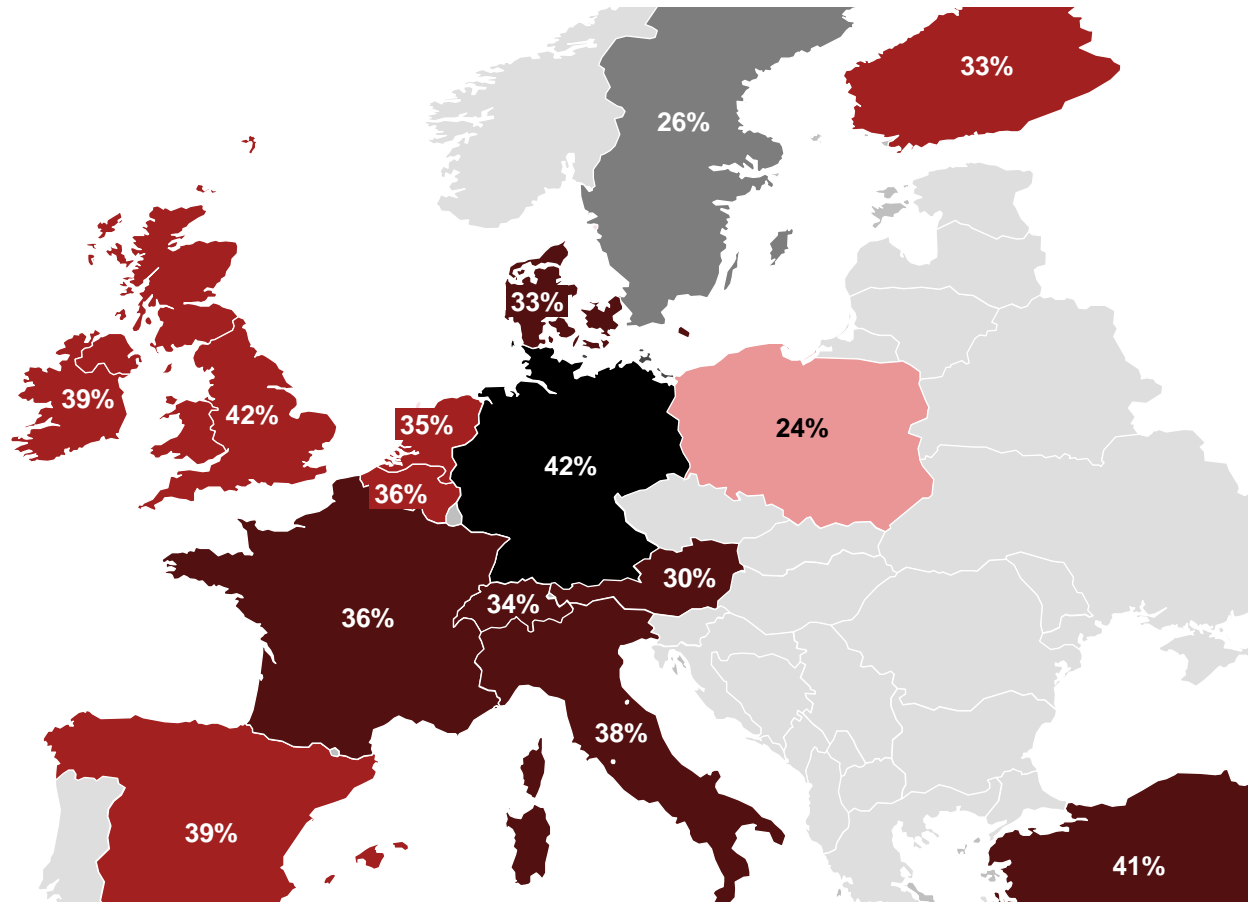


In countries where cash has been less popular, the relevant proportion favoring cash **bottoms out at around 20%**

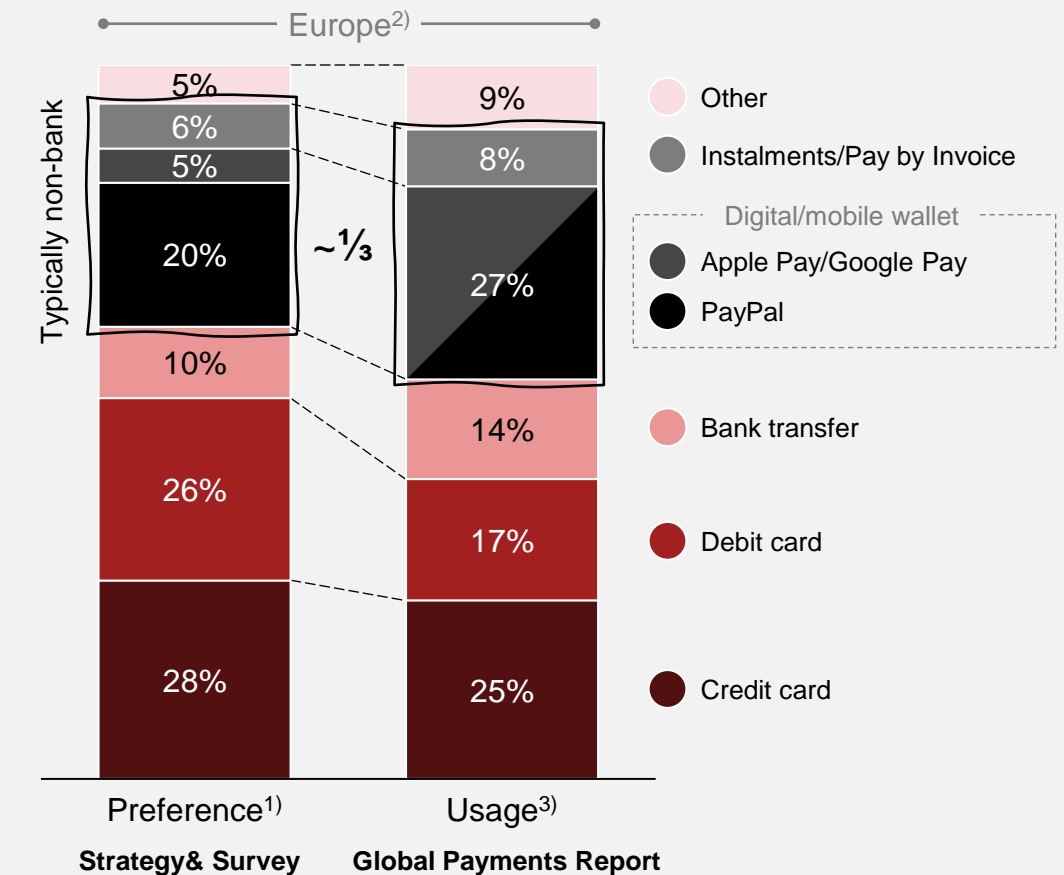


# Approximately one third of online payments (and preference) is already no longer 'bank-owned'

## #1 preferred online payment method by country<sup>1)</sup>



## Online payment method: preference vs. usage

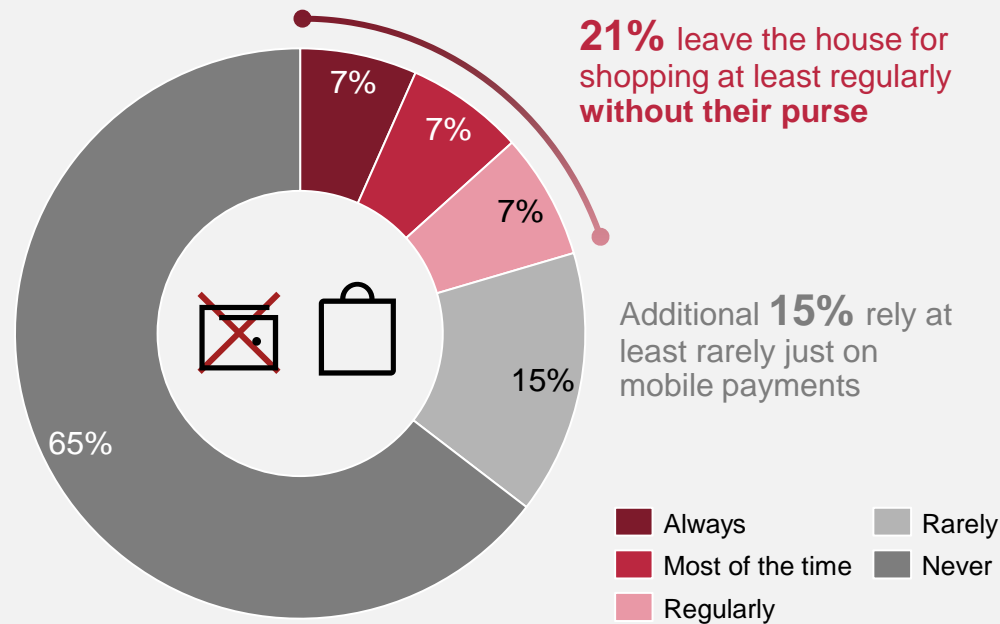




# One in five go shopping without their purse – banking apps become even more relevant, handing advantage to fintechs

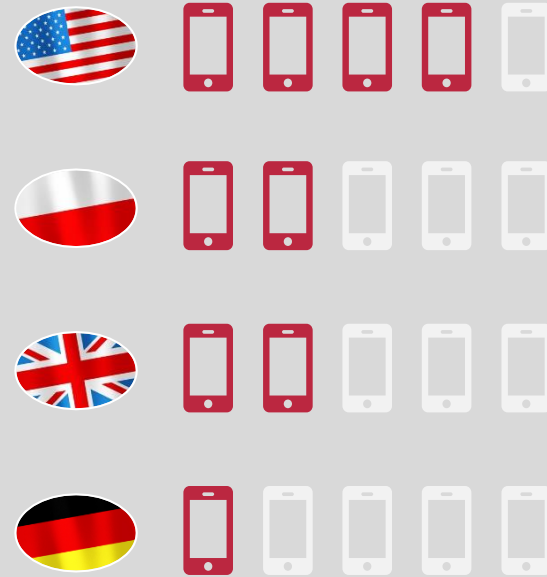
## Mobile wallets replace plastic

**?** How often do you leave the house without your purse (just with your smartphone) to go shopping?



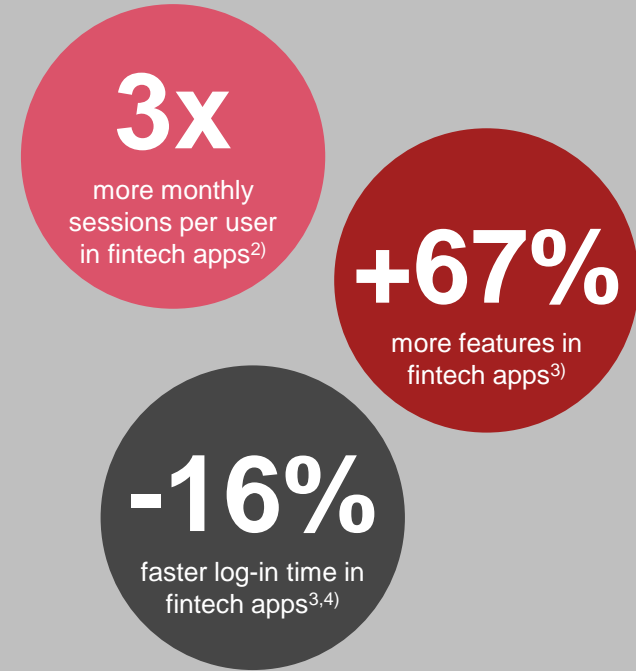
## Fintechs entering top 5

# of fintech apps among top 5 free finance apps (x out of 5)<sup>1)</sup>



## Challenge to bank apps

Fintech apps compared to banking apps (in selected countries)



Note: Figures may not add up due to rounding; total figure calculated as weighted average based on population | 1) Selected countries displayed, as of November 2022, US – Apple App Store: 5 out of 5, Google Play Store: 3/5, PL – App Store: 2/5, Play Store: n/a, UK – App Store: 3/5, Play Store: 0/5, DE – App Store: 1/5, Play Store: 1/5; 2) 2020 figures (Average of TR: 4.4x, UK: 3.0x, FR: 2.3x, DE: 2.1x); 3) Based on analysis of 25 German mobile banking apps, as of Q1 2022; 4) Difference for challenger vs. traditional banking apps (excl. direct banks) shown | Source: Liftoff / App Annie, Optima, SimilarWeb, Strategy& Payments and Open Banking Survey 2022





# Traditional current account providers are facing challenges from various quarters



**Non-bank fintech players offering current account (solutions)**  
*e.g., PayPal Direct Deposits in the US, Klarna with full bank account*



**Banks are forced by regulation to provide transparency on fees**  
*e.g., EU Directive on on the comparability of fees related to payment accounts*



**Banks are forced by regulation to offer easier, convenient account switching**  
*e.g., in 'Current Account Switch Guarantee' in UK*



**Rise of XPays diminishes the connection between the consumer and the bank's cards and current accounts**  
*e.g., Apple Pay, Google Pay*



**Account aggregation services enable easy choice of (free) current account**  
*e.g., Google Plex concept (even if discontinued)*



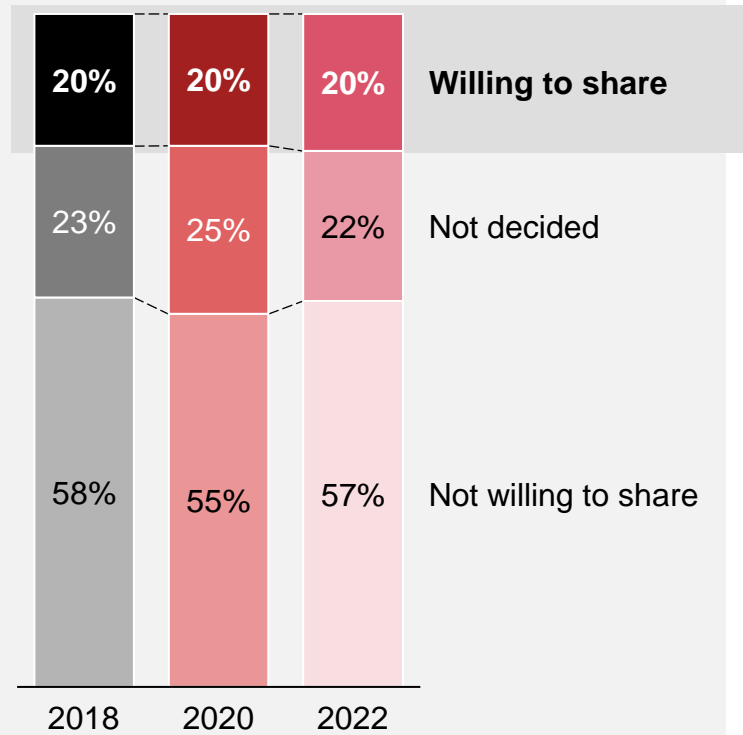
**Challenger propositions increasingly combine current accounts and loyalty benefits**  
*e.g., Klarna/Stocard, XPay wallets*



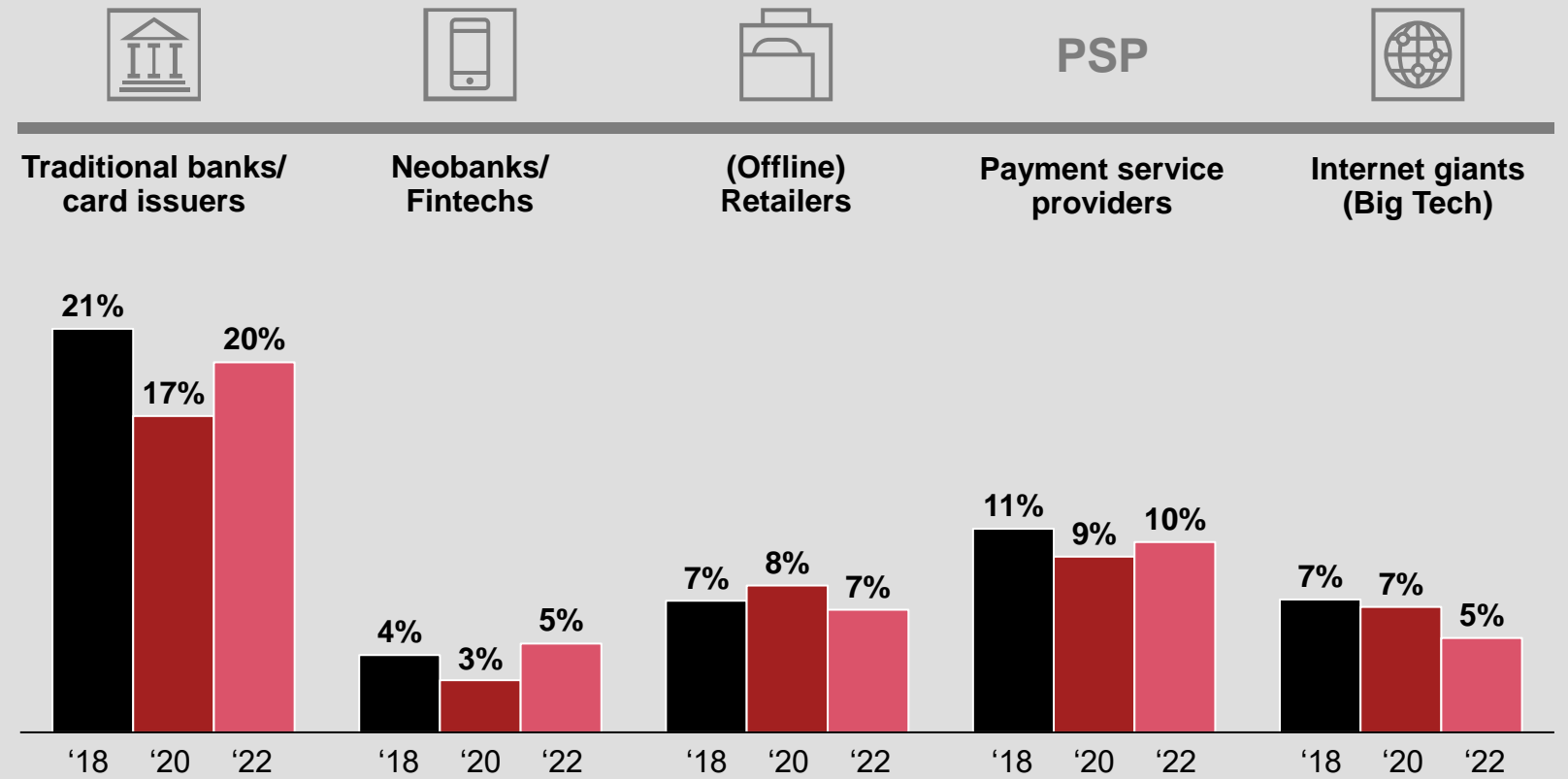
# How big has the threat already become?

# Open Banking: Willingness to share data in exchange for benefits remains low – banks are the most trusted...

Willingness to share data in exchange for benefits<sup>1)</sup>

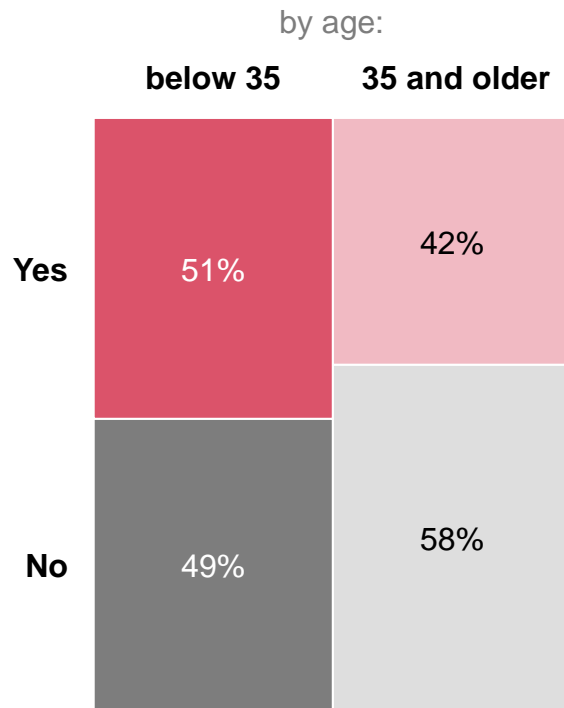


Most trusted providers for data sharing<sup>2)</sup>

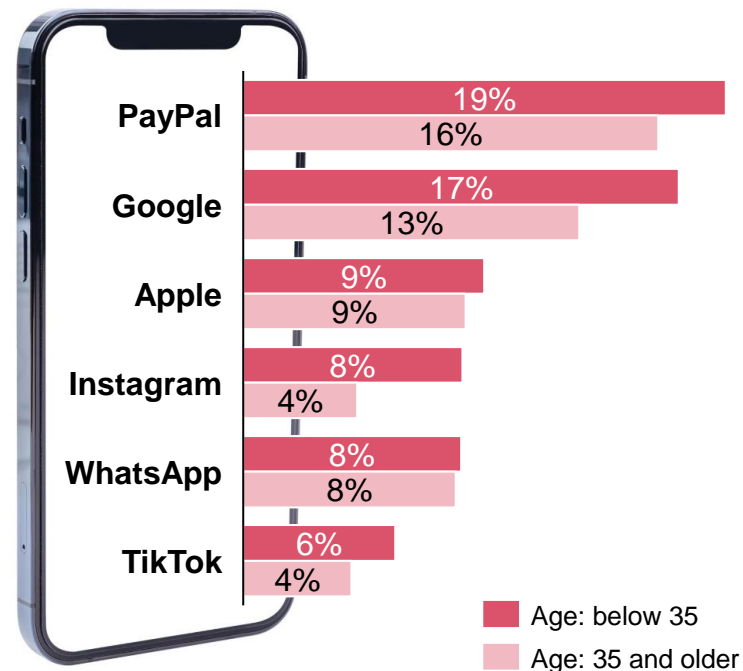


# ...but one in two people <35 years would still open a bank account with non-banks

## Willingness to bank with non-bank provider<sup>1,2)</sup>

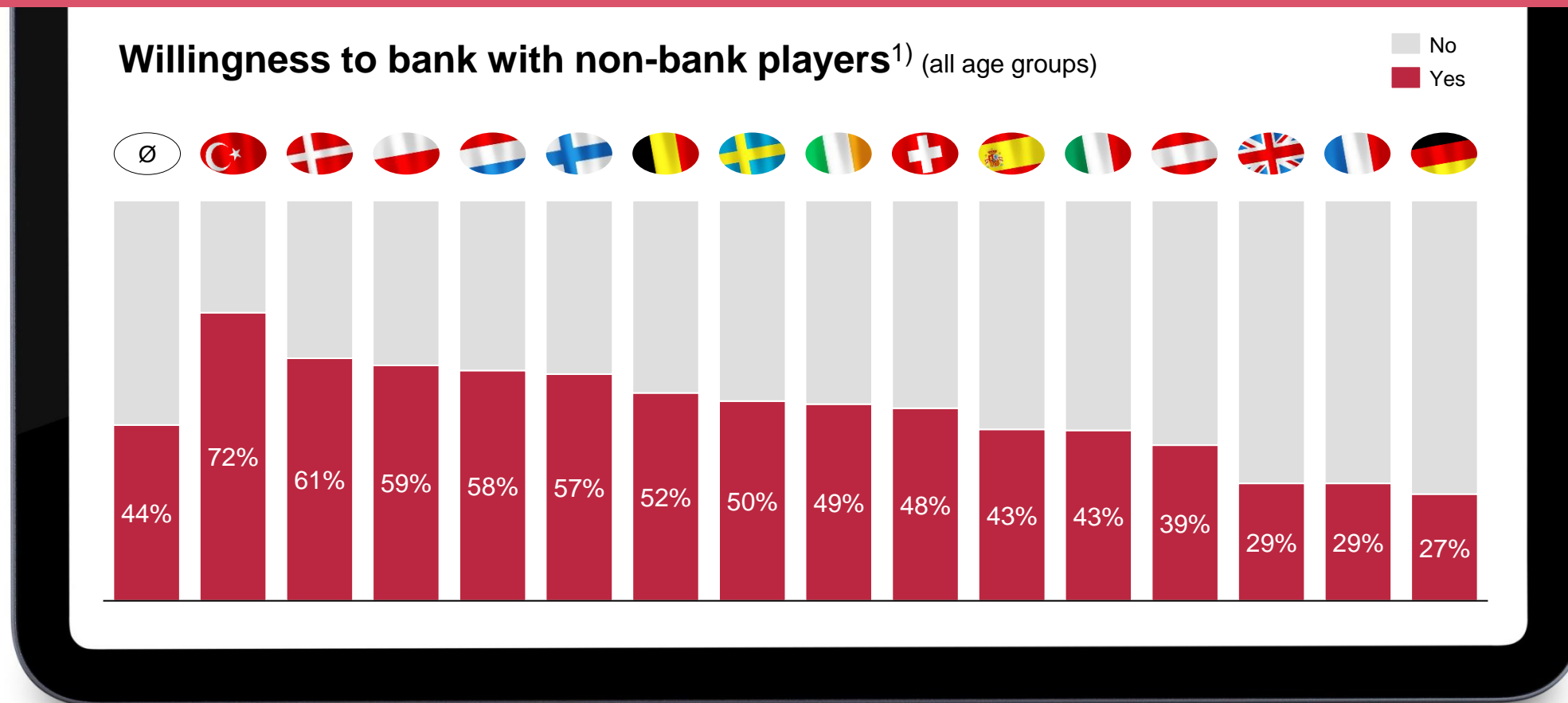


## Willingness to bank with selected non-bank providers<sup>1)</sup>



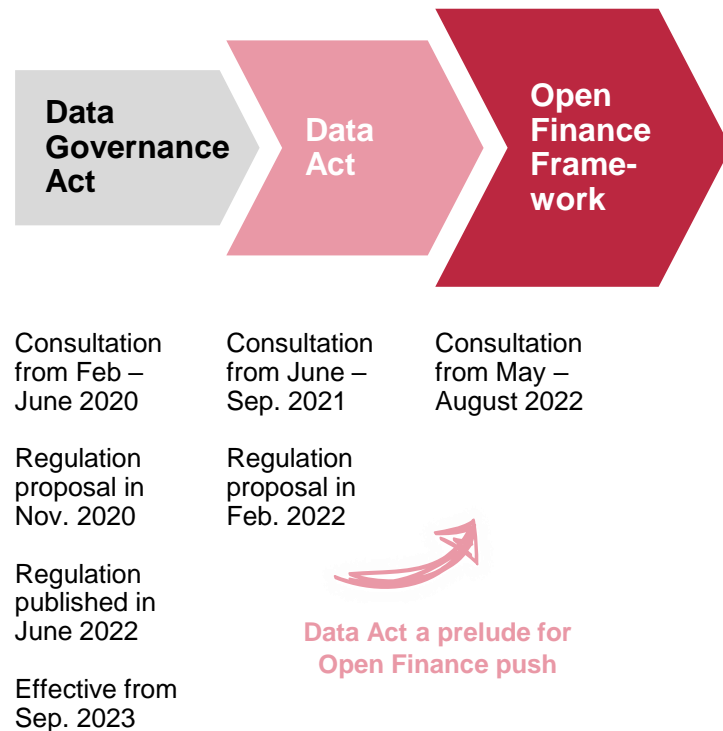


# Willingness to bank with non-bank players varies by country



# European Commission is working on legislative initiatives which will accelerate the move towards Open Banking

## Relevant EU legislative frameworks



## Data Act

“ The Data Act will ensure fairness in the digital environment, stimulate a competitive data market, open opportunities for data-driven innovation and make data more accessible for all.

“ The new rules will make more data available for reuse and are expected to create €270 billion of additional GDP by 2028.

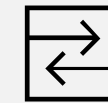
*European Commission*

## Goals of the Data Act



### User access to data of connected devices

Enable **users to access and share their data** generated by their connected devices



### Facilitate customer switching

Allow **customers to switch easily** between cloud data-processing services in order to avoid lock-ins



### Level playing ground for SMEs

**Protect SMEs from unfair terms** in data-sharing contracts when faced with bargaining disadvantages



### Data access for government organisations

Enable the **public sector** in case of exceptional circumstances to **access data** held by private sector

# Open Banking

Example:

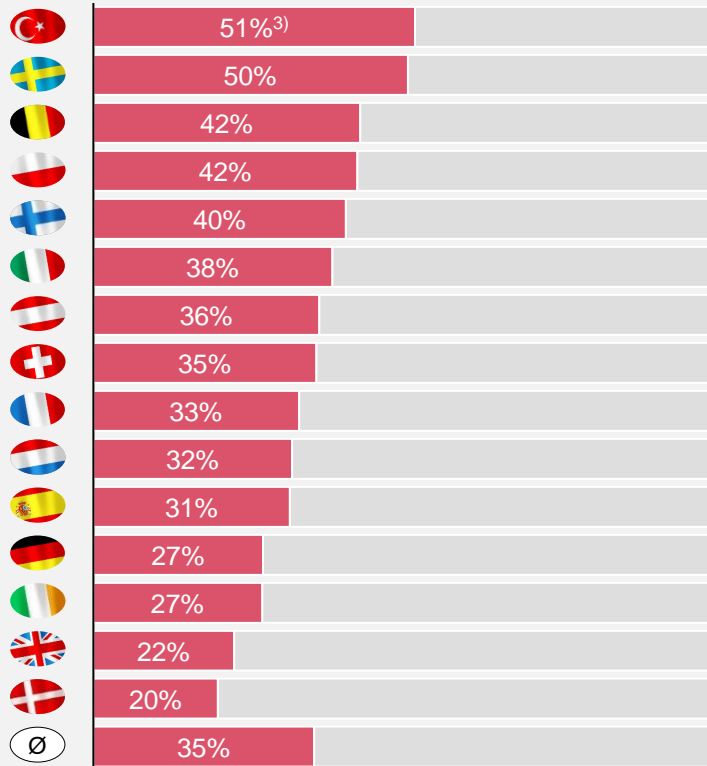
## Buy Now, Pay Later offerings already use key elements

(e.g., account verification, affordability assessments)

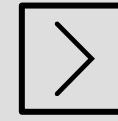


## BNPL is established across Europe...

Share of BNPL users (partially with preference)<sup>1)</sup>

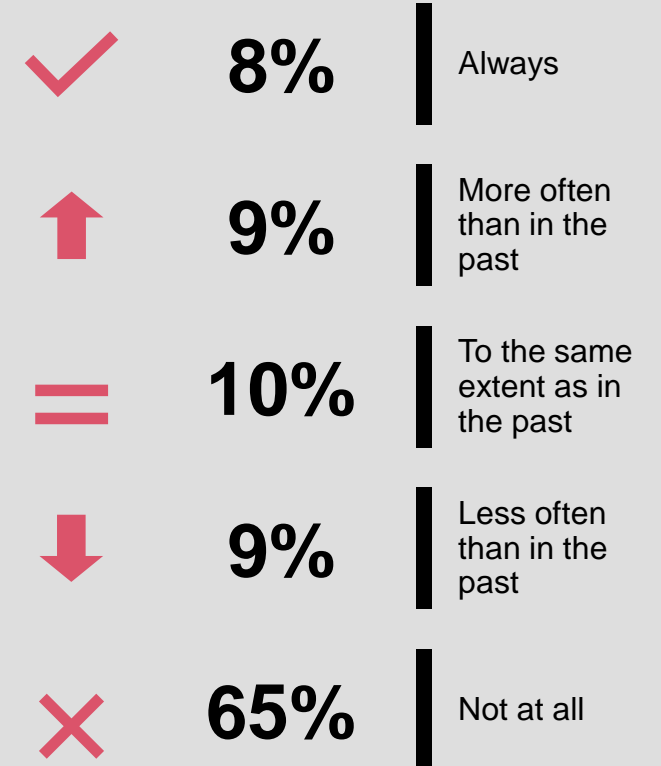


Note: total figure calculated as weighted average based on population; BNPL = Buy Now, Pay Later | 1) Question: Do you try (if possible) to postpone your payments when shopping (e.g., paying in 30 days or in instalments)? – Answer: all consumers who did not vote 'Not at all'; 2) Question: see footnote 1, European average displayed; 3) Mainly card-based | Source: Strategy& Payments and Open Banking Survey 2022

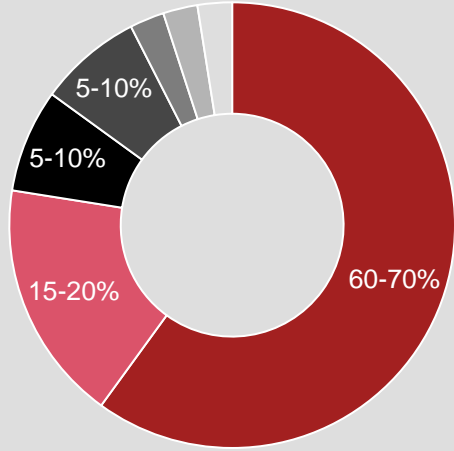


## ...but little recent change in behavior

Changes in BNPL behavior<sup>2)</sup>

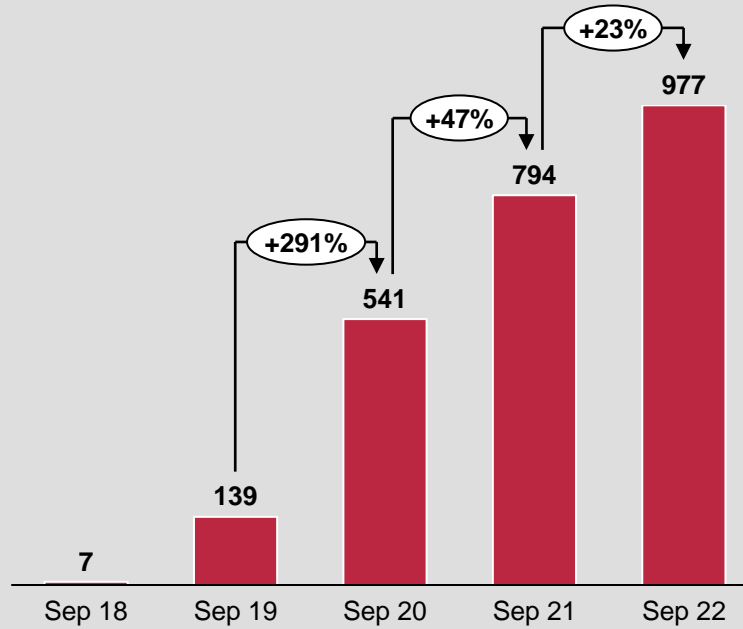


### API calls by use case (estimated, August 2021)

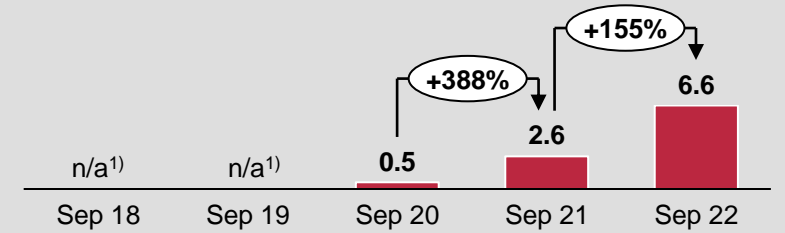


- Improved financial decision-making
- Increased saving and investments
- Better borrowing
- Expanded payments choice
- Increased access to advice and guidance
- Increased switching
- Other

### # of successful monthly API calls (in m)



### # of successful monthly payments (in m)

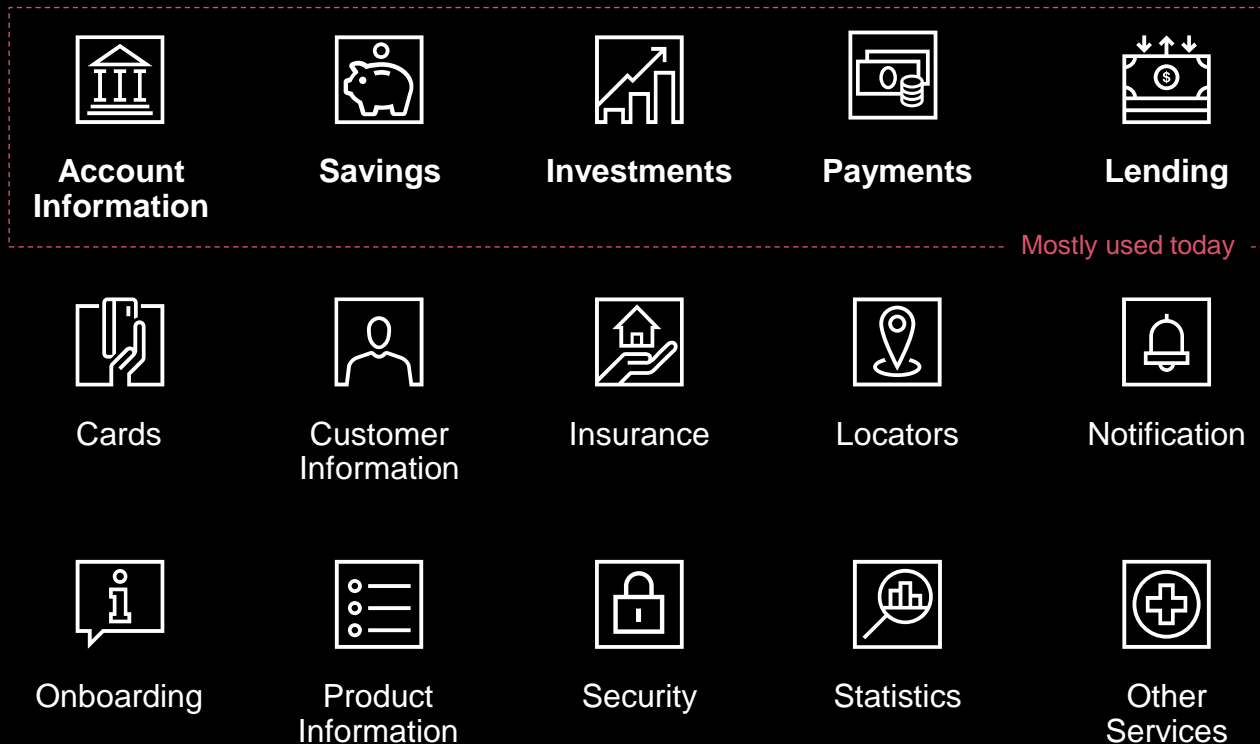


UK (still) Open Banking early mover, with a strong use case concentration but continual growth in API calls and payments



# Today's Open Banking use cases strongly focused on AIS – industry should aim to establish further use cases

## API categories



- Most popular APIs currently support rather standard, basic use cases
- UK figures show that vast majority (> 80%<sup>1)</sup>) are driven by account information services (AIS)
- Payments still with minor share, yet strong growth (CAGR of ~250%<sup>2)</sup> over last two years)
- Majority of users are consumers – business users only account for ~10%<sup>3)</sup>

### Moving forward:

- Further use cases needed beyond today's focus on financial services – esp. marketing
- Shift focus to B2B (esp. SME use cases) as key lever for acceleration
- UK uptake points to increasing relevance in the Euro zone over the next 2-3 years

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