



# BASIC – The classic direct debit

SEPA direct debit (SDD)

For nearly 80 years, direct debit is the **most preferred payment method** in Germany, Austria and many other European countries. Direct debit is a pull payment method from the family of **account-to-account (A2A) payments**. The function is pretty easy. The merchant uses this to withdraw payments from a customer’s bank account. Once the customer has approved a mandate to the merchant, one-time or recurring transactions can be initiated.

SEPAexpress BASIC is the classic direct debit. Our USP is to be a cost-effective alternative to expensive card-based or eWallet payment solutions. Given that we are an open banking gateway, you always have the possibility to top up with additional open banking services such as safety and risk management via SEPAexpress PLUS and DYNAMIC.

## Direct debit: the better alternative to credit cards

### Credit card (CC)

- ☹️ Card (numbers) change or expire
- ☹️ High costs due to additional fees and percentual
- ☹️ Higher failure rates (approx. 5%)

### Direct debit (DD)

- 😊 Bank details stay the same
- 😊 Very low costs and fixed fees
- 😊 Very low failure rates (<1%)

Features	BASIC	PLUS	DYNAMIC
Easy integration of direct debit (DD) for EU (SEPA) and UK (BACS) via one API	✓	✓	✓
White label option	✓	✓	✓
Payment reconciliation*	✓	✓	✓
Recurring transactions	✓	✓	✓
Fully Payment Services Directive (PSD2) compliant	✓	✓	✓
Fixed or variable amounts	✓	✓	✓
Account Information Service (AIS)** check for account holder identification incl. balance verification via open banking		✓	✓
Click mandate as an additional security level for optimal management of risk and conversion			✓
TAN mandate as an additional security level for optimal management of risk and conversion			✓
Pull Payment method (SEPA direct debit)	✓	✓	✓

\*Payment reconciliation: Is a modern way of accounting that compares internally recorded financial data with bank statements to ensure that they are all correct.

\*\*Our Account Information Service verifies the existence of the account and the eligibility for direct debit, so that failed payments can be avoided and chargebacks can be reduced by up to two thirds!