6 MISTAKES TO AVOID FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR PSD2 PROJECT















Considering PSD2 only as a "compliance project" where Fintech's added value is not envisioned in the digital transformation of the Bank.



Our advice: Accept that FinTechs can propose new features faster, cheaper and in a more customer-centric way than Banks can.



Shift towards marketplace banking. Become an actor of the new eco-system.



Making the authorization process (SCA) so frictional that the user experience will suffer.



Our advice: Apply exemptions to SCA when proposed by the RTS. Evaluate the risk of a transaction to decide whether SCA applies or not. Propose, if required, different methods of managing SCA. For example, introduce biometric authentication methods.

Open banking channel must be trustworthy, secure and respectful of privacy.

On the other hand, the FinTech eco-system requires a flexible and frictionless integration of the authorization processes.





Thinking that PSD2 adoption will be very slow due to the lack of standardizations, the gap of perceptions between FinTechs and Banks or even the blurred regulations, in particular regarding penalties for non-compliancy.

Our advice: Take benefit of the well-known agenda to endeavor the project, avoid the contingency solution and raise your management aware of the stakes.

Adopt the right implementation timing to prevent costly and time-consuming fallback solution.

Keep the control of resource usage through API monitoring



Doing an extreme positioning of Open Banking within the Bank.



Either making the API access proprietary, with a poor user experience, ...

Or putting all your eggs in the same basket, promoting the API first strategy at the expense of other channels.



Our advice: Consider that the different channels are complementary and represent different options for each customer. There is still place for branches, web and mobile channels ...



Channel ubiquity: the customer can choose the most comfortable channel for him, even if the channel is not directly provided by the Bank



Creating a separate system for PSD2 or more generally Open Banking with replicated database, separate authorization process and adhoc services.



In other words, don't (re)create siloes in your IT organization.

Our advice: Extend your multi-channel architecture with a new channel called Open Banking: share data and services between channels.

Align the authorization process for APIs with those developed for web or mobile channels.

Build an Omni-channel system architecture



Adapt to the most growing channel without creating silves



Develop your own standard making your participation in the eco-system poor. If your bank account cannot be used by FinTechs because your API is considered as exotic, your customer will turn away from your bank and use another account.



Our advice: Follow the emerging standard in your country (STET in France, Open Banking in UK, Berlin Groups in Germany, the Netherlands or Belgium ...). If you have European ambitions, you could be compliant with multiple standards.

Be compliant with marketplace best practices. Even of the directive and the RTS didn't define an European standard, there are a limited number of standardization initiatives that must be followed.

















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