**Conference on Payment and Securities Settlement Systems**

The National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia, in cooperation with the central banks of the Netherlands and Portugal, will hold the **Ninth Conference on Payment and Securities Settlement Systems**. The Conference will be held **in Ohrid, from 5 to 8 June 2016.**

The Conference will have an international character, attended by representatives of commercial banks, financial institutions and regulators of financial market infrastructure in the country, and representatives of the central banks of the countries of Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe as well as countries from the Black Sea region, the Middle East and North Africa. The Conference will be conducted in English.

The aim of this Conference is to connect experts from the financial sector to deepen knowledge in the field of payment and securities settlement systems and to allow the exchange of information on a number of issues in this area.

The Conference will cover topics in which lecturers, inter alia, will address the role of central banks in payment and securities settlement systems, the latest legislation in the field of payment and services systems (PSD2, PAD, IF), the current development in the collateral and liquidity management, the latest trends and sophisticated small payments technologies, compliance with the regulations in the area of payments, etc.. Furthermore, the new payment statistics of the National Bank, constructed and adjusted in accordance with the ECB Regulation and the best practices of EU countries will also be presented at the Conference. Of particular contribution will be the presentation of the new principles for financial market's infrastructure, as internationally accepted standards for payment systems oversight.