

FAQ

1TH FEBRUARY 2017 : END OF THE VIR2000 FORMAT ON MULTILINE

**PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY,
AS IT MAY CONCERN YOU!**



What is the VIR2000 format?

The VIR2000 format is a Luxembourg electronic payment format created in 2000.

➤ [Further information about the VIR2000 format \(FR\)](#)



Why is the VIR2000 format being discontinued?

For legal reasons, the ABBL and members of the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA) in Luxembourg have decided to discontinue this format and to replace it with a European format.

➤ [Further information about the reasons for this change](#)



By when do we need to be up to date?

- 1 February 2017. Please note that this process may take some time. Contact your IT team or your software provider as soon as possible.
- After this date, banks will no longer be authorised to process payments in the VIR2000 format.



Which format should we use?

The XML format (pain.001.001.03), applicable to both domestic and international payments, whether SEPA or non-SEPA.

➤ [Further information about the XML format](#)



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How can I tell if I upload files in VIR2000 format?

- If the file uploaded in MultiLine has the extension «.xml», this does not concern you.
- If the file uploaded in MultiLine has the extension «.lup», it does concern you.
- If it is another extension, please contact your software provider (accounting, cash management, payroll, etc.) or your IT team.



What should I do if I upload files in VIR2000 format?

- Ask your software provider (accounting, cash management, payroll, etc.) or your IT team to change the format.
- If it is a fiduciary that creates the payment files in VIR2000 format, please contact them and ask them to change the file format.
- You can create the payment in MultiLine rather than uploading a file. Files are generated automatically in XML format when you enter the payment.



Who can help me with the migration?

BGL BNP Paribas' MultiLine team is available to help you make these changes.

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How can I test my XML file?

If the files are generated using software applications (accounting, cash management, payroll, etc.), the structure should be compatible with the pain.001.001.03 XML format.

However:

- The MultiLine application performs a structural check when uploading XML files.
- There are applications that can perform syntactical checks on XML files. They highlight tags whose values are incorrect.
- You can send a test file to BGL BNP Paribas' MultiLine team so that they can carry out checks on it.



What precautions should be taken when creating a batch file in XML format (a single debit from the account) ?

With batch payments (wages file), the "batchbooking" tag allows you to define whether a single debit should be carried out ("TRUE" value), or a debit per transaction ("FALSE" value). If this tag is missing, the "TRUE" value is applied by default.

☎ **Further information about the XML format**



What are the advantages of a rapid migration?

Planning migration now means you will not be caught short and have to implement this change in a rush at the end



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