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MOBILE PAYMENT

Innovation in payment system is growing up with Auriga.

Auriga has developed PlainPay, a solution for smartphone users that, through the use of a QR Code and a secure web application, allows money to be transferred from one user to another or from a purchaser to a retailer.

The continuing growth of the mobile banking channel is based on three main assets: the technological development of the smartphones, innovation in payment systems and the strong desire of consumers in Italy to use their smartphones to manage their bank accounts.

The success of mobile banking has been confirmed by the lastest data from the ABI (Associazione Bancaria Italiana), according to which, the number of bank accounts enabled to operate via a "mobile phone" in 2009 was 6.2 million, that is 19% of the total, and represents an increase of 31% compared with 2008. The most frequent operations via Mobile are: information requests (approximately 6 million, of which 130 thousand relate to trading operations), mobile phone recharging (2.1 million) and bank transfers (approximately 190 thousand). The growth in technology is stimulating the development of alternative channels and the difference between Internet and mobile banking is diminishing as mobile phones and computers become much more similar.

According to the 2010 Report by the Mobile Content&Internet Observatory at the Politecnico

of Milan, in the first trimester of 2010, the Italian mobile telephony market records a growth trend by volume of +4%, compared with the first trimester of 2009, smartphone sales are exceptionally positive, with an increase of 210% in units sold compared with the first trimester of 2009. This growth in the spread of smartphones is directly reflected in the statistics for the use of Internet Mobile services: more than 10 million Italians use Mobile Internet services, an increase of 17%. As mobility has become a central driver for the consumer, innovation in the mobile banking channel becomes much more important for the providers of payment systems. Auriga has a prominent place as a provider of innovative information technology to banks, developing applications and solutions for the multichannel bank. The development of **PlainPay**, the lastest product developed and patented by **Auriga**, is testimony to its constant focus on innovation.

With **PlainPay**, it is now possible to conduct instantaneous payments with **online debit**, the solution can be used by anyone who has a smartphone and either a bank account, a credit card or a prepaid card. The **PlainPay** application is available for all the main smartphones operating systems and will be available to download from either the **App Store** for the **iOs** users, **Windows Marketplace** for **Windows 7 Mobile** users, **Android Market** for users who use **Android** platform, and from **Rim Market** for **Blackberry** users.

With PlainPay from Auriga, customers can benefit from an advanced payment tool that delivers transactions that are both fast and low cost. Through the use of a **QR Code and a secure web application** it allows money transfer from one user to another or from a purchaser to a retailer, with the maximum levels of security, speed and transparency. The consumer can therefore **carry out purchases without cash and without the need for conventional cards**, reducing the commission percentages and enabling payments to occur in real time.

Its configuration, which has been identified as a killer application by leading analysts in the field, is extremely simple. The consumer activates the PlainPay service at the Bank, chooses the bank account, sets the maximum amount (this can be decreased using the smartphone application) and receives the logon credentials for the service configuration on their phone. After this first step, the customer can download the PlainPay application from the relevant Store for their phone (for example **iTunes Store** for **iPhone** users). Once downloaded, the user starts the application, the first time it is started they are connected to a predefined URL and he inserts the credentials received in bank and selects their PIN.

Using the functionalities of the application is extremely simple and intuitive. For example, if the user wants to buy clothes using his smartphone, he can go to a store that accepts PlainPay (the retailer is listed with notification via email) and carry out the payment using his smartphone. The user starts the application and from the menu selects PAY and by means of the camera he acquires the payment data from the QR Code of the store. The user indicates the amount and confirms the payment using their PIN, an SMS is sent to the user as notification of the payment, the retailer's receives an email with payment notification.

This example is also valid for various payment activities, such as the payment of parking charges, scanning the QR Code of the parking location, choose the parking duration, select the number plate from your predefined list and confirm using PIN. The parking operator would only have to scan the parking locations QR Code, insert the number plate of the users car and will be immediately able to see the parking fee paid and expiration time. This type of payment functionality can also be used for the payment of bus, museums or exhibition tickets and so on.

As you can see, PlainPay application has been well thought out and designed for the modern consumer, delivering them with the ability to take advantage of cutting edge payment technology in a way that adds value to them.

PlainPay is part of a wider multichannel platform that provides intelligent, secure and integrated management of all the channels of a bank. An example of this integration is found in the participation of Auriga is part of the pilot project "Aurora-Mobile ticketing" of the NFC&Mobile Payment Observatory, delivered with SIA-SSB Group and Vipera. The project plan is to realize a system that make it possible to purchase cinema tickets via a mobile phone, simplifying access to the cinema screen through integration of various channels: from the ATM to the Mobile and the laptop. Thanks to Auriga, the user will be able to select the films, seats and timetables, to book, to buy and to print the ticket through the ATM/Self Service. Auriga is again, setting the standard for the best in multichannel innovation.