

**FS-ISAC SIGNS CYBER SECURITY INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENTS WITH DUTCH PAYMENTS ASSOCIATION, DUTCH FI-ISAC AND BELGIAN FEBELFIN TO SUPPORT EU SHARING**

Reston, VA – 21 OCTOBER, 2015 – The Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC) has announced information sharing agreements with three key European groups, the Dutch Payments Association, Dutch FI-ISAC and the Belgian Febelfin. The country-specific agreements were signed during a Dutch-Flemish trade mission to the United States featuring Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, Belgian Minister-President Geert Bourgeois, Bill Nelson, president & CEO of FS-ISAC and other industry leaders.

Michel Vermaerke, CEO of Febelfin, stated: "Febelfin sees both the opportunity and the risk as more and more business is conducted in the digital world. Yet financial firms must protect their customers first and foremost. Financial services institutions can participate in a community defense model, where firms work together to detect, prevent and mitigate the latest threats, no matter the source. This agreement with the Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center is an example of FS-ISAC's continued investment in the European Union and enables country-wide information sharing of critical threat, risk and vulnerability information that can make all the difference when defending the financial sector."

The agreements are the first step in cooperating with the FS-ISAC, which has 6500 members world-wide across the entire spectrum of financial services. FS-ISAC enables streamlined and automated information sharing of the latest cyber & physical risk and threat information as well as vulnerability information. The real-time information sharing best practices provided by FS-ISAC will tie closely with the continuous advancement and innovation of cyber security practiced by Dutch and Belgian financial firms.

Bill Nelson, President & CEO, FS-ISAC said: "Today's cyber threats transcend firewall perimeters and country borders. FS-ISAC has seen broad scale adoption of information sharing practices across the global financial sector and amongst its nearly 6500 members but has also focused on the sharing needs specific to regions and countries throughout Europe. The agreements signed represent the best of both worlds: they focuses on regional requirements while also enabling Belgian and Dutch financial institutions to tap into a global sharing community that is dedicated to defending against the latest risks, threats and vulnerabilities."

**About FS-ISAC**

The Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC) is a non-profit corporation that was established in 1999 and is funded by its member firms. The FS-ISAC is a member-driven organization whose mission is to help assure the resilience and continuity of the global financial services infrastructure and individual firms against acts that could significantly impact the sector's ability to provide services critical to the orderly function of the global economy. The FS-ISAC shares threat and vulnerability information, conducts coordinated contingency planning exercises, manages rapid response communications for both cyber and

physical events, conducts education and training programs, and fosters collaborations with and among other key sectors and government agencies.

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