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PCI COUNCIL CONVENES EUROPEAN PAYMENT CARD INDUSTRY LEADERS ON GLOBAL PAYMENT SECURITY

— Payments Industry Leaders Talk About Ways to Foster Cooperation and Help Businesses Detect, Mitigate and Prevent Cyberattacks and Breaches —

LONDON, UK, 18 October 2018 — More than 600 payment security practitioners from Europe and around the world convened this week in London for the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council (PCI SSC) [Europe Community Meeting](#). The event focused on developments in PCI Standards and programs and provided industry stakeholders opportunities to learn, share and discuss the current state and future of payment security.

“The meeting in London brought together some of the top payment security experts in Europe and around the world. The feedback that our organization received from those experts is invaluable to our efforts to help make payments safer,” said PCI SSC Executive Director Lance J. Johnson. He discusses his vision for the PCI SSC in this [blog post](#).

“One of the most important aspects of the PCI Standards and programs is that they are global. It is therefore essential that we have input from European industry stakeholders to ensure that our standards are relevant and appropriate for European merchants and other organizations.” added PCI SSC International Director for Europe Jeremy King. “The meeting this week aimed to help organizations with securing cardholder data regardless of the channel and process used. PCI SSC through the cooperation and collaboration of our community in Europe continues to expand and develop its range of standards and programs to do exactly that.” He discusses payment security in Europe in this [blog post](#).

A top priority for the PCI SSC and its stakeholders is leveraging advancements in technology and payments to evolve data security standards, while also helping the industry to combat threats and address areas where businesses are most vulnerable to payment data breaches. This event is one of the many ways’ stakeholders can provide feedback, ask questions, and help influence the direction of PCI Security Standards and programs.

Key focus areas for the meeting included:

- **Cross-industry Collaboration:** [A panel of experts](#) from Europe including representatives from the European Card Payment Association (ECPA), Dutch Payments Association, EMVCo, and the European Payments Council discussed how industry can work together to achieve common goals.
- **The Future of Payment Security Standards:** PCI SSC discussed [current and future standards development](#) addressing advancements in payment technology, including [software security](#), [mobile](#) and [contactless](#).
- **Help for Smaller Merchants:** A panel of European payment security practitioners including merchant representatives from AccorHotels and Vendorcom discussed ways to help small businesses better understand their payment environment and the best ways to protect it, including [new PCI SSC resources](#).
- **PCI SSC Board of Advisors Election:** Stakeholders were encouraged to run for the 2019-2020 PCI SSC Board of Advisors. The [nomination period](#) runs from 17 September until 23 October 2018, followed by an election period from 5-16 November 2018.

Additional highlights from the European Community Meeting in London are available on the [PCI Perspectives Blog](#).

About the PCI Security Standards Council

The [PCI Security Standards Council](#) (PCI SSC) leads a global, cross-industry effort to increase payment security by providing industry-driven, flexible and effective data security standards and programs that help businesses detect, mitigate and prevent cyberattacks and breaches. Connect with the PCI SSC on [LinkedIn](#). Join the conversation on Twitter [@PCISSC](#). Subscribe to the [PCI Perspectives Blog](#).

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