

Arvato Payments Review

Essential insights for e-commerce success in new markets



Cross-border e-commerce is opening up a world of opportunities for retailers. You can reach out to dozens of new markets, and find millions of new customers. E-commerce also puts a world of choice in the hands of consumers, who think nothing of going abroad to find what they want. They might be looking for a better price, a better selection or better service. Give them what they want, and the world is yours.

But you need to know what you are getting into. The consumers in your new markets can behave completely differently to the ones you know from home. You can't rely on experience from your home market when you are trying to win over and keep customers in another country. That's why we have produced the Arvato Payments Review, to provide you with the knowledge and insights you need when you are expanding into new markets.

How to succeed in cross-border e-commerce

The Arvato Payments Review brings together extensive quantitative research with insights from our experts to provide the big picture when it comes to Payment Methods, Risk and Fraud, and Consumer Behaviour in 14 of the most vibrant e-commerce markets in the world.

We examined more than 200 primary sources and compiled the most essential information into a convenient guide to each country. By combining the figures from a wide variety of research, we could provide a holistic view – rather than relying on a single source.

Each country guide looks at key demographics and financials, the top online retailers, legal requirements, and consumer behaviour and expectations when it comes to things like delivery and returns. We also look in detail at how consumers prefer to pay in each market, identifying local payment heroes and the optimal mix of payment methods.

As well as success factors, it is also important to understand the downsides. We take a close look at risks in each country in terms of the types of fraud that can emerge and what you can do to minimise your exposure.

In addition to the country guides, you can also compare markets in terms of key parameters to see how they stack up against each other.

Your customers are comparing you with your competitors

Comparison is at the heart of cross-border e-commerce. Smart consumers shop around, and with online shopping they know of a better deal with the click of a mouse or tap of their phones. The research in our Arvato Payments Review confirms our observation that some markets are more open to shopping across national borders, while others are more content with their local retailers. Why some and not others? For some markets, consumers are simply happy with what they can get locally: the selection, service and prices match their demands, so there is no need. But there are often other factors that play into this.

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Trust is one of the big ones. Consumers who are reluctant to shop internationally are often concerned about how warranties and returns will work if they buy cross-border. There might even be an inherent bias towards local retailers, who consumers perceive to be more reliable, or faster, when it comes to delivery. Another important factor here is accessibility: markets such as France and Germany express a clear preference for sites in their own languages.

But even in more conservative markets, cross-border shopping is becoming more popular – when it is done well. It comes down to providing consumers with what they are looking for: better prices, more choice, a richer all-round experience. With the most successful cross-border retailers, consumers don't care if they are domestic or international: they get what they want, quickly, cheaply and efficiently.

The key is to remove as much friction as possible, knowing and anticipating consumer demands and wishes. That boils down to knowledge and insight into the market. What are the legal requirements? Do consumers want a site in their own language? Do they expect next-day delivery? How do they want to pay?

Finding the optimal payment mix

Payments are at the heart of this review. Our research confirms that local payment heroes are essential for successful business. If you don't use Carte Bancaire in France, or iDEAL in the Netherlands, or offer open invoice in Germany, you are not in the game. The insights we are offering go beyond which payment methods to provide: in some markets, you would be well advised to work with a local card acquirer so you don't miss out on conversions.

A local partner can help in other ways. This is especially important to retailers entering a new market and not only with payments but also logistics and deliveries, returns and customer service. Many retailers choose to work with a partner who can help in one or more of these areas, especially during launch, to assist with local insights and information, payments, logistics, and even service centres. It's a sure-fire way to hit the ground running and establish a good reputation among your new customers.

All this information is vital for you when entering new markets. And you will find it here. Once you know what to expect, your business will have a real competitive edge – regardless of where your customers are.

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About the Arvato Payments Review



The Arvato Payments Review provides retailers with country-specific information on payments and fraud-related topics in 14 of the most vibrant e-commerce markets in the world – 13 in Europe plus the USA – so they can make the right decisions in their e-commerce payment strategy.

The e-commerce payments landscape is becoming more and more fragmented. Not only do payment methods vary from market to market but consumers are becoming more sophisticated.

Alongside advances in technology, changes in banking regulation are clearing the way for new players to enter with solutions that are designed around convenience, safety and simplicity – all heavily supported by strong mobile adoption and advances in authentication technology such as biometric identification.

In this rapidly evolving world, retailers looking to expand their business internationally often lack objective insight into local market conditions as well as relevant advice on payments and risk management. The Arvato Payments Review provides that insight and advice.

Methodology

The Arvato Payments Review has been compiled by Arvato Financial Solutions, a division of Arvato Bertelsmann, and business consultancy mm1. The findings are based on secondary research and analysis by consulting firms such as McKinsey, BCG, and AT Kearney, as well as

reports from payments and e-commerce associations such as the Merchant Risk Council, facts and figures on e-wallets and other payment schemes and providers, and news articles. The Arvato Payments Review also features recommendations and advice from Arvato experts in the areas of payment methods, fraud and risk, and consumer behaviour.

Arvato Financial Solutions

Arvato Financial Solutions delivers a complete suite of financial services that improve business processes while delivering a better overall customer experience. Cutting-edge solutions covering everything from risk assessment, payments and invoicing to debt collection and management ensure conveniencein every transaction. Part of Arvato Bertelsmann, Arvato Financial Solutions is Europe's third-largest integrated financial service provider specialising in the retail/e-commerce, telecommunications, insurance, banking and healthcare industries.

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How to read this report



Important definitions

Cross border sales: the percentage of domestic and cross-border e-commerce in a country.

Ease of Doing Business Index: The higher a country's ranking in the World Bank Group's Ease of Doing Business Index, the more business-friendly local regulations are when establishing a presence there.

E-commerce turnover is defined by the Global Online Measurement Standard for B2C E-Commerce. Accordingly, business-to-consumer e-commerce turnover includes all online transactions between businesses and consumers on desktop computers, laptops, tablets, smartphones, and other devices both offline and online. B2C e-commerce turnover includes value-added tax or other sales taxes, delivery costs and apps, but excludes returns.

eGDP: the proportion of goods and services bought online in comparison to GDP. The rankings stated come from e-commerce association Ecommerce Europe.

Fraud rate: the percentage of total sales lost because of fraud each year.

Logistics Performance Index: The World Bank's benchmarking tool *Logistics Performance Index* is a measure of a country's logistical friendliness with around 160 countries ranked on their trade logistics performance.

Mobile adoption: smartphone use as a percentage of the total population.

Mobile commerce: the ability to conduct commerce using a mobile device, for example mobile phone, smartphone, tablet or other mobile equipment.

Manual order review rate: the percentage of e-commerce transactions manually reviewed by retailers.

Explanatory notes

Issuer landscape: the percentage of traditional 3D Secure and risk-based authentication programs by market.

Market demographics: the local population over 15 years of age and the corresponding percentage of internet users and online shoppers.

Relevant payment methods

The term 'cards' includes both credit and debit cards. The number of consumers using a payment method is indicated by blue dots (one blue dot is equal to 10%).

'Trend' points to the future popularity of a payment method, whereas 'risk' indicates the level of threat associated with a payment method. Arvato uses the following symbols to give its assessment:

strong increase expected

no change expected

strong decrease expected

high risk

moderate risk

no risk



Spain



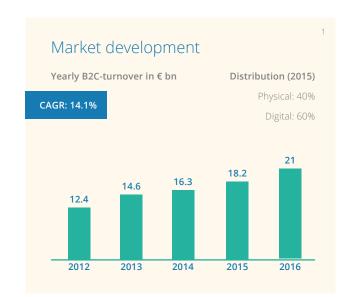
Spain is the largest e-commerce market in Southern Europe with great potential in digital business such as travel and ticket sales



Market overview



Spain is a fertile but sometimes difficult market, with its own particular aesthetics, consumer expectations and business methods.



Market demographics		2
Population > 15 years	39.3m	
Internet users	80%	
Online shoppers	42%	
GDP per capita	22,800 €	
spending per shopper & anno:	1,174 €	

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	2.	еВау	7.	Carrefouronline.com	
	3.	Amazon.es	8.	Privalia	
	4.	Mercadona			
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Assessment/Recommendations

Opportunities

Cross-border behaviour: More than half the population are used to cross-border shopping.

M-commerce is on the rise with predicted CAGR of more than 100% in the next few years.

Threats

Logistics: The Spanish logistics network is underdeveloped and customers are used to longer delivery times.

Recommendations

- When establishing an online business, be sure to adapt your e-commerce platform to the local requirements.
- Make sure that the look & feel appeals to Spaniards, that the
 website is properly translated into Spanish, that you possess
 the right local trust certificates and legal documents, that your
 customer services use native speakers and that you have a
 local presence.

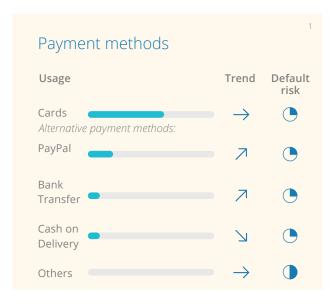
Market characteristics	4
Logistics performance index 12th	h
Ease of doing business index 21th	h
eGDP ranking 18th	h
Unemployment rate 18,99	6
Inflation rate -0.89	6



Payment Methods



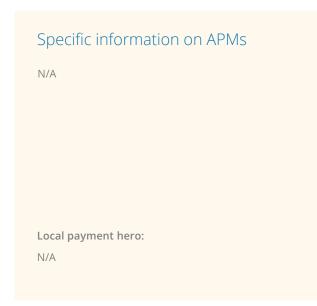
Open invoices have recently been introduced in Spain, but debit and credit cards are most popular, with 85% of the population in possession of at least one.

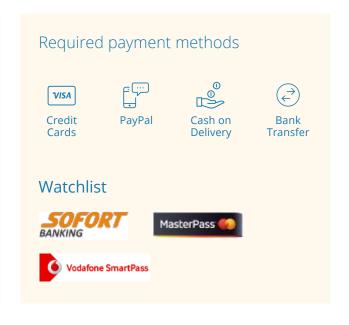


Arvato's take on this market

- Over 85% of the population have at least one debit or credit card. Prepaid virtual cards are increasingly popular for online purchases.
- Thanks to the growing mobile market, many mobile initiatives are emerging: Spanish banks, mobile
 network operators, payment providers, retailers and financial institutions are developing solutions
 such as Orange Cash, Bankinter's Mobile Virtual Card and Vodafone SmartPass.
- Open-invoice solutions were recently introduced by smaller merchants.
- Mastercard launched its MasterPass solution in December 2016 with CaixaBank, one of the biggest banks in Spain.









Risk and Fraud



As Spaniards love to shop cross-border, the country is a promising target market for increasing sales.

As both e-commerce and fraud are on the rise, more advanced fraud tools are becoming more popular, and should be adopted.



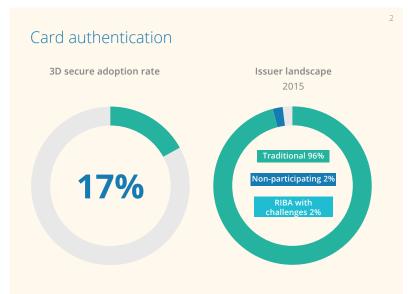
Relevance of typical fraud scams

N/A

Arvato's take on this market

- Fraud strongholds are situated in large cities like Madrid.
- A combination of internal (such as negative lists) and external tools (such as 3D-Secure) seems most appropriate for reducing fraud.
- With e-commerce and fraud on the rise, more advanced fraud tools are becoming more popular and should be adopted.







Expert tip

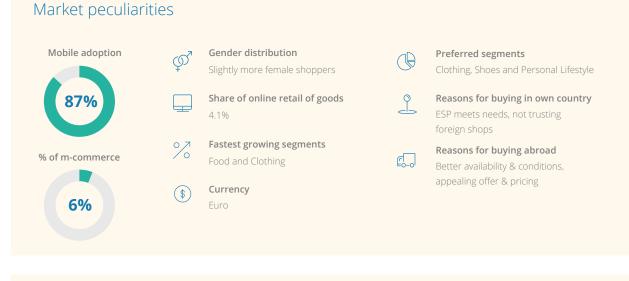


Consumer Behaviour



More than 50% of online shoppers in Spain visit cross-border shops. Spanish consumers return up to 50% of orders, and they expect those returns to be free.





Cross border Cross-border only 6% Domestic and cross-border 50% Domestic only 44% Over 50% of Spanish online shoppers buy from foreign websites for highly popular brands. 90% of these shop within the EU.

Law and regulations

Be aware of the consumer protection law: It includes rules on offers, labelling, price indications and other information to be provided to the consumer, including aspects related to financial products.



Sources



The data contained in this report comes from a wide variety of sources, including financial reports, industry publications, blogs and news stories. During the course of our research we have consulted more than 200 national and international studies. You will find them here under the headings E-Commerce and Payment & Fraud. While every effort has been made to make sure the information presented in the report is reliable, we cannot be held responsible for its veracity. We do, however, stand by the opinions expressed in the report unreservedly.

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