

## Innovative solutions on cheaper, faster and safer transfer of remittances

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### Remittances by numbers – a positive side of migration







# The remittances value chain Greek Js complex and varied





### **Innovations in remittances**





# Key impact areas of new technologies

- Mobile/online payments to address the stickiness of cash
  - Reduce reliance on agents
- Mobile payments to expand receive networks
- Blockchain potentially to improve settlement and customer identification



#### But....

- •No single technology can be applied to fix the remittance challenges
- •A **number of technologies** are improving the efficiency of the market With scale, these will be able to reduce the cost of remittances.
- •Creating the environment for adoption through digital channels in the last mile is key.

## **Global Compact for Migration**



• Draft 0 – proposed wording:

Objective 20 – Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants

- a. Develop a roadmap to **reduce costs** in line with SDG 10.c, < 3% by 2030
- b. Promote and support IDFR and GFRID
- c. Harmonise remittance market **regulations** and increase remittance **infrastructure**
- d. Create policies and regulation to achieve **competitive** and **innovative remittance markets**
- e. Develop innovative technological solutions
- f. Provide accessible information on remittance transfer costs
- g. Develop programmes and instruments to promote **investments** from senders
- h. Provide access to banking solutions and financial instruments for migrants



# Additional thoughts GCM

- Recipients of remittances could be explicitly included in the objective and also subsections g and h.
  - Specifically including beneficiaries will bring significant benefits and help to reduce costs
- Remittances deliver benefits against multiple SDGs
  - 1. End poverty
  - 3. Healthy lives
  - 5. Gender equality
  - 7. Affordable and clean energy
  - 9. Resilient infrastructure
  - 13. Climate action

- 2 Zero hunger
- 4 Quality education
- 6 Clean water and sanitation
- 8 Decent work and economic growth
- 10 Reduced inequalities
- 17 Partnerships for the goals
- Ownership and co-ordination are critical to success

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